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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Ineffectual Body

OF all the "European" bodies formed in the West during recent years by far the least satisfactory in its working has been the Council of Europe. The first main cause of its failure has been that the Council had no clearly defined role. Joint defence was, under the Brussels Treaty, already in the hands of the Organisation of the Brussels Powers, and has now developed on the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. Joint economic interests had for some time been well looked after by the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation. True, a certain amount of harmless intercourse has latterly been developed between this body and the Council of Europe; but its purpose has rather been to help justify the Council's existence than to cure any defect in the OEEC. Yet there were still useful fields the Council might have occupied—that of cultural questions, for one, and also the wide range of political subjects which are not primarily concerned with either defence or economics for example, the passport system.

THE second cause of failure reflects the more general shortcomings of Continental parliamentarism. The Continental members of the Assembly come mainly from Parliaments constructed more or less on the French model, with a large number of parties, little or no liability to dissolution, and the power of subjecting their successive fleeing governments to every sort of "pull." In consequence they are apt to want the Assembly to become, not merely a Parliament, but a Parliament of the type to which they have been accustomed to enjoy so much power with so little responsibility. Hence, instead of doing the useful things which it was designed to do, the Assembly has devoted much eloquence to clamouring for its metamorphosis into a supra-national Parliament with a supra-national executive dependent on it.

THERE are many reasons why Great Britain could not enter any West European federal system. One is her relation to the Commonwealth. Another is the difference between British and Continental (especially French) parliamentarism. The two systems cannot be fitted together by any sort of compromise; it must be one or the other; and, with all its virtues, the French system is so firmly rooted on the Continent that there could be little hope of changing it. On the other hand there is greater need now than ever before for Britain to cultivate the friendliest relations with her West European neighbours. But in any realistic perspective the present importance of the Council of Europe is limited. It is elsewhere—to NATO—that West Europe must look for the preservation of peace and alternatively defence for war. And the acid for each nation must be: does it make the contribution it should to the effective maintenance of that organisation?

COLLISION

Blayes, France, Apr. 13. Two electric trains packed with passengers crashed head-on near here, killing one person and injuring 30. Five of the people were dragged from the wreckage in such a critical condition that the last Church sacraments were administered to them. The condition of 12 more was described as serious.—United Press.

TODAY'S RACING SELECTIONS

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RACE 3 Aga King Brivisto The Kian Lung Outsider:—Straight Forward.	RACE 3 Straight Forward Brivisto Debutante Outsider:—Aga King.
RACE 4 Ironade. Jericho Care Free Outsider:—Minya Minya.	RACE 4 Jericho Busy Bee Ironade. Outsider:—Carefree.
RACE 5 National Glory A Grand Time Chief Witness Outsider:—Fleet Admiral.	RACE 5 Chief Witness A Grand Time National Glory Outsider:—Constant Star.
RACE 6 Huntmaster Air Power Mabel Outsider:—Exquisite Love.	RACE 6 Boom Town Huntmaster Winged Outsider:—Mabel.
RACE 7 Beautiful Lie Hawailan Moon Valbridge Outsider:—Marietta.	RACE 7 Marietta Caesar Beautiful Lie Outsider:—Valbridge.
RACE 8 Some Fun Abdul Hamid Miami Beauty Outsider:—Gladious.	RACE 8 Some Fun Miami Beauty Ringmer Outsider:—Abdul Hamid.
RACE 9 English Cabbage Aeroplane Copper Outsider:—Tooomega Boy.	RACE 9 English Cabbage Jennifer Copper Outsider:—Gracechurch.
RACE 10 High Straight Desert Gold Countess Delight Outsider:—Hurry On.	RACE 10 Des're High Straight Hurry On Outsider:—Countess Delight.
RACE 11 Fleetmaster Cocktail Tea Thunderbolt Outsider:—V. I. P.	RACE 11 Eleanor V. I. P. Fleetmaster Outsider:—Thunderbolt.
RACE 12 National Income Blitz Sweet Silver Fox Outsider:—Calamity.	RACE 12 Rosemarie Double Coin Calamity Outsider:—Home Sweet Home.

First Eisenhower-Taft Clash On Primaries Ballot Paper

New York, Apr. 13. Republican leaders expected a record turn-out in Tuesday's New Jersey primary election where one of the most bitter and spirited campaigns of the year was fought in the absence of both major rivals. It will be the first time that General Eisenhower and Senator Taft will both appear on a ballot paper since the General's spectacular success in New Hampshire a month ago.

Eisenhower's campaign directors consider that the New Jersey primary is a vital one, while Taft's supporters have been minimising its importance. The Senator tried unsuccessfully to withdraw from the ballot three weeks ago when the State Governor, Alfred Driscoll, threw the Republican Party machine behind the General. Taft said that he was "double-crossed" and abandoned his planned speeches and tour of the State. But his backers have gone on trying. Harold Stassen, Governor of Minnesota, is also entered in the Republican ballot but though the only candidate to have done any personal campaigning he is not expected to get much of the vote. In the Democratic primary, Senator Estes Kefauver is the only candidate. No "write-in" campaign has been organised for anyone else.

NOT COMMITTED
The Democratic State organisation, which has put up candidates for 32 national convention delegates, is not committed to Kefauver or any other presidential candidate. The candidates of both parties rested during the week-end as the news of Eisenhower's resignation from the Supreme Command was digested by Americans.

The General's supporters said that his decision to return made his nomination as Republican candidate virtually certain, but Taft's supporters said that the General would have to make known his views on various controversial domestic and foreign issues before the Republican national convention in July could be expected finally to decide. Taft last night issued a "cordial invitation" to Eisenhower to disclose his definite views on campaign issues. He urged the General to "present his position on all the issues before the American people."

THREE SPEECHES
Representative H. Judd, supporting Eisenhower, said that the General intended to make three speeches—at West Point, Columbia University and Salina, Kansas. He believed that one would deal with foreign policy, one with domestic affairs and the other with military affairs. In the Kentucky primary yesterday, Republicans gave Taft 10 of their 20 votes to the national convention. Eisenhower got the other one. But political observers here warned not to read too much significance into progressive totals of delegates to the Republican and Democratic conventions.

Most delegates to the national conventions are free to change their votes. Only two primary election States make their delegates by law support primary winners for fixed periods of national convention ballots.

A candidate has little assurance that his delegates will support him beyond the first ballot and even less that they will remain faithful after the second or third. In a tight race ballots may run into dozens. This is how the major rivals now stand in the number of delegates to the conventions.

REPUBLICAN
Taft 201; Eisenhower 88; Stassen 21; Earl Warren 6; MacArthur 2; Uncommitted 58.

DEMOCRAT
Adlai Stevenson 44; Kefauver 40; Senator Humphrey 23; Uncommitted over 40.—Reuter.

Two Ships In Distress

London, Apr. 13. The 5,476-ton Greek steamer, Marpesa, was grounded on a mud bank near an Istanbul suburb today after it had been in collision in a strong current with the 2,704-ton Swedish steamer, Ulla, according to a Lloyd's report. Considerable damage was reported caused to the Ulla. The Marpesa, which was bound for Britain with a cargo of maize, was grounded by her master because she was taking water in a hold.—Reuter.

CALL FOR HELP
Capetown, Apr. 13. The 1,140-ton Portuguese Government steamer, Vinto, 150 miles north of Capetown today. The South African tug T.H. Watermeyer (620 tons) will leave here early tomorrow to go to her aid. The cause of the trouble is not yet known. The steamer is on a voyage from Angola to Lourenco Marques.—Reuter.

40,000 People Made Homeless By Floods

MISSOURI CAUSES HEAVY DAMAGE

Omaha, Nebraska, Apr. 13. About 40,000 people were estimated to be homeless today along the swirling Missouri River, the worst of several rivers in floods in even Mid-West States.

The great stream surged through the streets of two hastily evacuated "ghost towns" and devastated rich farmland today as the Missouri broke all high-water records.

Almost 6,000 people fled from South Sioux City, Nebraska, leaving only a few behind.

Army amphibious vehicles shuttled evacuees over the river to Sioux City proper itself gradually being inundated by the spreading waters.

At least 10 other towns and villages along the 1,000-mile "critical" area from South Dakota into Kansas and Missouri were early evacuated.

The Missouri burst its banks after unusually heavy winter snows had thawed. The crest of the floods passed through South Dakota's capital of Pierre last week with heavy destruction.

The Mississippi, into which the Missouri runs at St. Louis, was also threatening heavy destruction today.

HEAVY DAMAGE
At South St. Paul, Minnesota, the dykes were holding back the Mississippi, which has already

claimed to seven feet above flood level and is expected to rise a further two feet during next week.

No deaths have been reported in the floods, but there has been heavy damage.

People in the heavily populated Omaha Council Bluffs region worked night and day, strengthening dykes protecting their homes and ships from the flood.

Though the crest will not reach the region for three days it is expected to rise to 30 feet.

The Army engineer in charge of emergency operations at Omaha Council Bluffs—where 300,000 people live and work—said: "The test is now. We are in trouble all the time. It is really leaning against the dykes."

All non-essential businesses were closed by a proclamation of the Mayor. About 4,000 people have already been evacuated.

Tight restrictions were clamped on traffic along the "escape" roads out of the city.

Special flood barriers were erected today round Omaha's main power plant.

Army engineers and 4,000 regular troops helped in the struggle against the floods, strengthening and raising dykes with sand-bags and evacuating threatened areas around Omaha. They worked alongside civilians yesterday in pouring rain, which turned roads and dyke tops into slippery brown mud. But today the rain had stopped.—Reuter.

Exiled Leader Will Return As Hero

Buenos Aires, Apr. 13. Dr. Victor Paz Estenssoro, exiled leader of the movement which seized power in Bolivia last week, is expected to return in triumph to La Paz tomorrow.

More than 3,000 people died in the three days of fighting which wrested control from the Government of General Hugo Ballivian who gained power in May, 1951, by taking over the Government with military forces.

Dr. Herman Siles Suarez, who led the revolution forces, has been proclaimed Acting President but reliable Bolivian quarters here expect that Dr. Estenssoro will be ceded the Presidency when he returns to La Paz.

Dr. Estenssoro, head of the National Revolutionary Movement (MNR) has spent six years in exile in Uruguay and Argentina. Yesterday he claimed that his force were "in full control of the country" and that his Party had returned to power. Reports reaching here said that one of the first acts of the provisional Government was to announce its intention of immediately nationalising the tin mines, the country's main source of wealth.—Reuter.



Agreement On Nine Paragraphs Will Bring Armistice

Tokyo, Apr. 14. Only nine paragraphs in the Korean armistice remain to be agreed upon.

Subcommittees have been writing the text item by item as the United Nations and Communist delegations reached accord.

The current draft runs 28 typewritten pages and contains 63 numbered paragraphs not counting alphabetical breakdowns of many items.

Much of the optimism exhibited recently both in Washington and Panmunjom obviously stems from glances at the more than 6,000 words which are written and done with.

Memorandum copies of the document which may end the Korean war just short of its second anniversary have been forwarded to the Joint Chiefs of Staff by General Matthew B. Ridgway.

Attached to the draft was a memorandum that said "full and final agreement as to both content and form has been reached on all paragraphs and subparagraphs except" the disputed nine.

DISPUTED ISSUES
Three of the nine remaining to be hashed out in the floppy tents at Panmunjom deal with exchange of prisoners.

The fourth deals with airfields, another with naming neutral observers. The sixth contains recommendations to the governments concerned, and the seventh, eighth and ninth paragraphs still to be passed come under "miscellaneous."

Talks on the major obstacle—prisoner exchange—were suspended more than a week ago after 10 secret meetings. It is generally believed that grounds for agreement had been worked out but that the United Nations side needed time to revise the list of prisoners it held.

Yesterday (Sunday) the Communists said they were ready to meet again and talk about prisoners. Their attitude in this meeting might reveal the whole future course of the talks.

Agreement on a method of exchanging prisoners could resolve the remaining issues in such abrupt fashion as to bring a whirlwind finish to the talks which have dragged out now more than nine months.

But Communist stubbornness in continuing to demand the return of every prisoner held by the UN, whether he wants to go home or not, could continue the talks indefinitely.

JUST ONE WORD
The wording of the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission clause has been agreed upon except for one word—Russia.

The United Nations version of Paragraph 37 now begins: "The Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission shall be composed of four senior officers, two of whom shall be appointed by neutral nations nominated by the Commander-in-Chief United Nations Command, namely Sweden and Switzerland, and two of whom shall be appointed by neutral nations nominated jointly by the Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army and the Commander of the Chinese People's Volunteers, namely Czechoslovakia and Poland."

The battle goes on in Indo-China.—An amphibious vehicle, called a "crab" by its operators, seen in action against the Communists on the Indo-China front.—London Express.

"Tourists" Steal Cars And Yacht

Cannes, Apr. 13. Along the French Riviera coast were today hunting two "tourists" who have travelled throughout the south of France by stealing four cars and one yacht.

The men first stole a car at Lyons, abandoned it and stole another at Perpignan. After driving to Cannes they stole a 10-foot yacht near the Palm Beach Club. In this they sailed to St. Tropez, where they abandoned the yacht and stole another car.

Challenged during last night near Cannes they left the car and escaped in the dark under a hail of fire from policemen. Blood stains and bullet holes were found in the car.

Within little more than an hour the mysterious Easter travellers stole another car in the centre of Cannes. The police suspect they are English or American. They always stole German-made cars.—Reuter.

BOYS' LUCKY ESCAPE

Auckland, Apr. 13. A five-year-old boy who fell overboard from his father's launch at the harbour entrance here, today was picked up more than half an hour later—still conscious although he could not swim.

His father did not miss him until he was three miles away, but the boy's cries of "Daddy" attracted the attention of a woman fishing in a rowing boat. She insisted on investigating because of her husband's scepticism.—Reuter.

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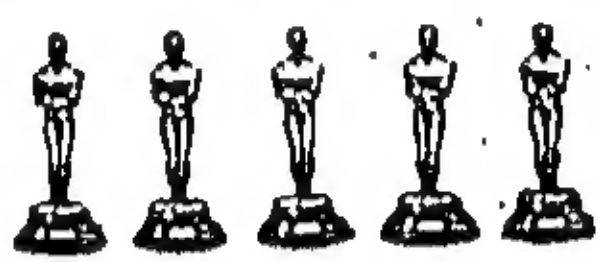
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Indonesia Conditions Improve

JAVA THE MAIN TROUBLE SPOT

Djakarta, Apr. 13. A spokesman of the Indonesian Defence Ministry said the combat strength of the Darul Islam terrorists is under 10,000 men, much less than a year ago.

The spokesman did not supply further statistics but emphasized that there is less fighting in the Indonesian archipelago than most foreigners think.

"The big islands of Borneo, Sumatra and Celebes are all quiet," he said in an interview. He referred to Java, the Republic's capital and most densely populated island, as the main trouble-spot, but even here improvement is noticeable. Apart from the almost finished actions in Central Java, and the purging operations in rich Western Java, the island's security conditions were better than ever since the second world war, he added.

In West Java army troops are fighting a pitched guerrilla war with "Red" and "Green" rebels, the spokesman said. These Communist and Moslem extremist groups do not stand together against their common foe, the legal Indonesian Government. Sometimes they even turn against each other.

TWO GROUPS. There are two well-known Communist Combat groups: the "Tijlharum Brigade" so called because the Tijlharum River area is their main operational territory, and the dreaded Bambu Runtjing (Pointed Bamboo). This name dates back to the days when Indonesians, nationalistic "red" or "green," formed a united front against the Dutch. Some of the guerrillas had no other arms but "bamboo runtings." But the bamboo spears have made way for automatic firearms, and the organisation is now made up of fanatic, well-disciplined warriors.

Figures concerning the strength of the groups are available.

Much stronger are the "green" forces of the "Darul Islam" organisation, which also operates in Central Java, and the T. I. I. — the Tentara Islam Indonesia (meaning Indonesian Moslem Army), which, like the D. I. fighters, is a priest-ruled Indonesia. Some of the Moslem groups are led by runaway officers and non-commissioned officers of the former KNIL, the Netherlands Indies Army.

They are not numerous, but professional military men with an excellent training. Among them are some Dutch renegades like the Indonesian Captain Bosch, one-time friend of elusive ex-Captain Paul "Turk" Westering. Bosch and his Eurasian and Indonesian aides have been living a hunted guerrilla life since Indonesia became independent 27 months ago, but have successfully dodged would-be captors thus far.

NON-POLITICAL. Finally there are groups of non-political gunmen, some of them ordinary criminals who flourish in the troubled, loathsome interior, or dissatisfied ex-freedom fighters who thought independence Day would turn coolies into pashas.

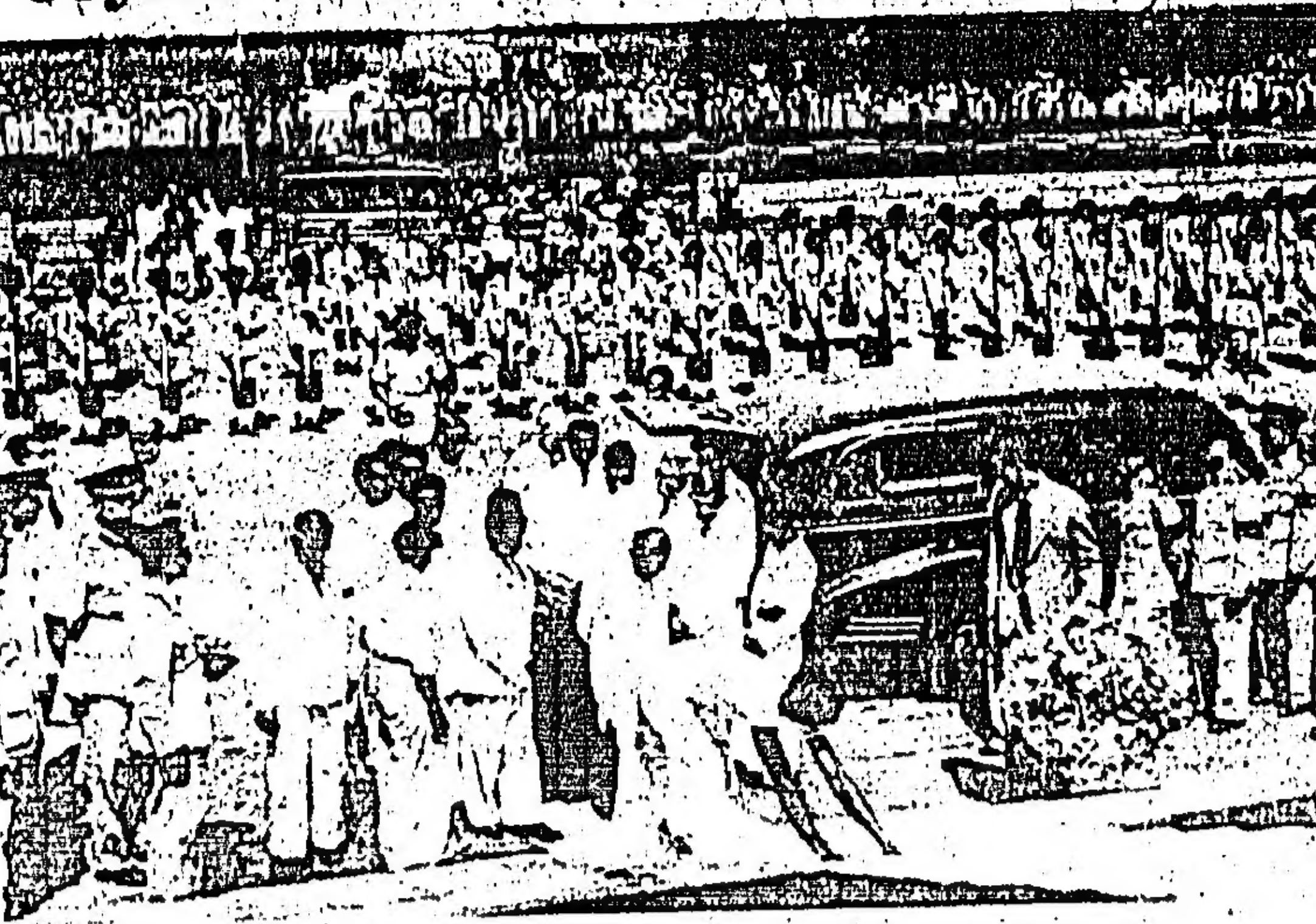
To keep lawlessness in check, the Government has to maintain a regular army of an impressive 200,000 officers and men, supported by a few squadrons of Mitchell bombers and Mustang fighters taken over from the former Dutch Air Force here, and a Navy of one destroyer and some corvettes, inherited from the Netherlands Navy in the Far East.

By international modern standards, the army is poorly equipped, especially lacking heavy arms. If Mutual Security Administration aid from the United States is not accepted by the new Indonesian Cabinet, little improvement can be expected in the near future. Associated Press.

PI Consul-General

Rome, Apr. 13. Manuel Alzate, new Consul-General of the Philippines in Rome, arrived today. He was greeted by Italian and Philippine officials. The former Consul-General, Enrique Santaromana, will leave by air for Hongkong and Manila in a fortnight. Associated Press.

Ceylon Mourns Her Dead Premier



The coffin of the late Premier of Ceylon, Mr. D. Senanayake, is carried up the steps of the House of Representatives for the Lying-in-State at Colombo, while in the background soldiers of the Ceylon Army present arms. — Express Service.

Supreme Pontiff Appeals For A Return To Religious Life

London, Apr. 13.

Pope Pius XII today led the Christian world in celebration of Easter with an impassioned appeal for "immense phalanxes of apostles" to lead the world back to a religious life.

As the Pontiff gave a solemn blessing to hundreds of thousands of pilgrims from a high balcony of the Basilica of St. Peter's in Rome, Israeli and Jordan troops in Jerusalem kept open a road for worshippers at the Holy Sepulchre, the most venerated of all Christian shrines in the Old City.

And in warm Spring-like weather throughout Europe millions of other people worshipped, sunbathed and holidayed in the countryside and at the seaside alike.

America, however, reported cold showers dampening the enthusiasm at Easter celebrations. In Rome, hundreds of thousands of pilgrims, tourists and Romans assembled in the vast colonnaded space before St. Peter's Basilica to hear Mass celebrated in the open air. As the Mass ended the small, white figure of the Pope appeared on a central balcony above the crowds and told them, "We should like that immense phalanx of apostles similar to those of the Church at its birth should rise up. Let the priests speak from the pulpits, in the streets, in the squares, wherever there is a soul to save. And beside the priests let the laymen speak, those who have learned to penetrate minds and hearts with words and with love."

As the Pope finished speaking the immense crowd sank to its knees while the Pontiff made the sign of the cross.

IN JERUSALEM. In Jerusalem, Israel and Jordan soldiers worked before dawn removing land-mines and barbed wire to allow Consular and United Nations officials and church services in the Old City by the shortest routes.

Both sides agreed to keep the road open for four hours to enable the group to attend the Resurrection Mass at the Holy Sepulchre.

Among those attending the Mass was General Franco's daughter, the Marquesa Carmen de Villaverde.

A Protestant Dawn Mass was held in the vicinity of the Scottish Church of St. Andrew's.

At the Church of Dormition, Catholic monks held a Midnight Mass.

IN EUROPE. About 100,000 tourists thronged the boulevards and beauty spots of Paris today in warm sunshine. Pavement cafes, gay with coloured umbrellas, did a roaring business, as did the lifts up the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe. But visitors only took the place of French people who had gone to the Riviera.

The only serious accident of the week-end holiday in France reported so far was the collision of two rail-cars near Bordeaux this morning, injuring 30 people, 13 of them seriously. First enquiries showed that because of heavy holiday traffic the cars were behind schedule and through a signal's error between two small stations at a single track line they were both allowed through at the same time.

Streets in Frankfurt, Berlin, Bonn and other big German cities were deserted with the departure of streams of cars to surrounding countryside basking in ideal weather.

Newspapers carried hundreds of advertisements by people offering themselves as "Easter gifts" in marriage to anyone who had "charm, understanding" — and it was implied, a bank balance.

Brussels seemed empty. Said a tourist official: "All post-war records of fine Easter weather, festive mood and holidaying numbers have been beaten this year."

Easter brought Spring weather to Sweden after a spell of Arctic cold earlier this month. The sun melted the last snows along the country roads and brought out crowds of Easter strollers in the main streets of the towns.

ITALIAN TRADITIONS. Batches by naked maidens in ice-cold mountain streams, the burying of Easter eggs and tinnies for the poor — these were some of the ways in which Italians celebrated Easter Sunday.

In the Alto Adige area, south of the Austrian border, young girls rose before dawn to the naked and in strict silence in mountain pools fed by melting snow.

Their reward for observing this ritual is said to be the assurance of finding a husband.

In other towns in Northern Italy people buried Easter eggs outside their house doors as protection against evil throughout the coming year.

In Milan religious institutions gave a huge Easter dinner to nearly 1,000 poor people from the city's slum areas.

LONDON EXODUS

Britain had bright Spring sunshine. Eighteen thousand vehicles an hour left London for the coast and the countryside.

At the centre of the London had its traditional Easter parade with mannequins displaying Spring fashions.

The crowd was so great that women fainted in their efforts to see the show.

America had cold showers all over the country. They damped the gay bonnets and enthusiasm of beautiful girls gathered on Fifth Avenue for the city's traditional Easter Parade.

The Easter paraders huddled under umbrellas or in raincoats, only risking their finery when a television camera came within range.

MESSAGE TO JAPAN

In Japan fragile cherry blossom petals scattered by overnight wind and rain.

carpeted forums where thousands of United Nations troops and Japanese shared Easter services.

Mixed choirs of Americans and Japanese sang Easter anthems.

This Easter the Pope had a special message for the Japanese people.

He warned them against what he called the grievous attacks and dangers which threatened their deep-rooted and delicate regard for the family.

The warning was contained in a recorded Easter message in Latin.

His Holiness said that the Holy See had long wished to give public expression to the sentiments of deep and sincere affection that it cherished for the Japanese people. — Reuter.

France — Presse adds that Francis Cardinal Spellman officiated at a Pontifical Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York where attendance was unusually large.

The Archbishop of New York said in his Easter message that even in victory peace was still needed — peace, with all peoples of the wounded world, peace with brothers living on this conflict-torn earth, peace with soul.

Nehru On Tunisian Question

New Delhi, Apr. 13.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, declared here tonight that it was a serious matter that the votes of Asia and Africa in regard to the Tunisian question should be ignored in the United Nations.

Mr. Nehru, speaking at a public meeting, said that several nations of Africa and Asia, including India, had taken the Tunisian issue before the United Nations, "but strangely enough some of the Big Powers objected even to its being discussed."

It was a matter of regret that these Powers were taking "the wrong attitude" on the Tunisian case.

There could be differences of opinion about the solution of the problem, but he could not understand why it could not be discussed.

A refusal to pay heed to the voice of Africa and Asia in the United Nations would only weaken the influence of the world organisation in this part of the world, he said.

"In the world of today the suppression of freedom movements just cannot go on," Mr. Nehru added. — Reuter.

INDIAN ENVOY'S DENIAL

Bombay, Apr. 13.

Dr. Radhakrishnan, the retiring Ambassador to Russia, today denied a report in a London Sunday newspaper that he had had an interview with the British Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill.

The report said Dr. Radhakrishnan had conveyed to Mr. Churchill in a private interview an offer from Generalissimo Stalin to meet Western leaders in an effort to maintain peace. — Reuter.

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BRUSSELS SWOOP

(From Bernard West)
Brussels, Apr. 13.
Pelicans like waiters have much in common. Both have starched fronts and carry themselves with an air of dignity.

But waiters in a cafe in the Rue du Pelican, centre of Antwerp's white and black diamond market, and clearing-house for thousands of pounds' worth of stolen jewellery, sold their shirt-fronts today following a swoop by Belgian police on illegal traders.

Business was brisk when the police called. Tables were carelessly littered with piles of dollar bills, pound notes, German marks and Dutch florins.

And the black market dealers, magnifying glasses held to their eyes, were concluding black deals between sips of black coffee, when white-helmeted police burst in on them.

The raid was made following protests from legitimate traders that black marketeers were operating on their front doorsteps and cutting prices. More than twenty persons were detained.

The currency spilled over the floor, and the offenders were marched to waiting police trucks.

When the police returned to the cafe, the mess had been tidied up — and two waiters with soiled shirt-fronts were requested to step aboard the black market for the short drive from the Rue du Pelican to the Palais de Justice.—London Express Service.

Red Purge In Germany

Berlin, Apr. 13.
Soviet headquarters in Berlin are sucking top Germans from the Eastern Zone State Security Service—successor to the Gestapo—and are putting trained Russians in their place.

Reason for the purge is German stigma following widespread opposition to the new Kremlin "Arms for Germany" policy.

Good Party men who have been backing the earlier "Peace and Anti-Rearmament" campaign are refusing to go in to reverse.

They say the new Moscow line would put East Germany on a level with the "warmongers of the West."

Soviet headquarters are holding the German Security Service responsible for this "breakdown in discipline."

British officials in Berlin say the purge is leading to a steady rise in the number of Soviet officials in Germany.

English Star In Germany



Lovely English film star Diana Dora in Hamburg for troops show "Calling All Forces", asks a German policeman for directions when on a shopping expedition.—Express Service.

Radar Listening Line From Hamburg To The Med. NEW STAGE IN NATO DEFENCE

Paris, Apr. 13.

The North Atlantic Treaty air forces have now established a solid Radar listening line facing the Iron Curtain from the North Sea to the Mediterranean.

This first top-secret integration of Western defences went into effect with the announcement that Radar technicians and ground-air liaison officers of six European air forces put into operation today a centralised ground control operations room of the Allied Air Forces, Central Europe.

This command, under General Eisenhower's commander-in-chief of European Air Forces, American General Lauris Norstad, is based in Fontainebleau, and known generally as AAFCEC.

The new Radar line, described as "The first unbroken peace time European listening post facing east," stretches from Hamburg at least to the borders of Yugoslavia and Italy.

It is under the control of a centralised operations room which is at a new top-secret North Atlantic Treaty Air Forces base in Europe.

Major-General F. L. Ankenbrandt, General Norstad's chief of communications staff officer, said: "For the first time today our existing Radar reporting systems cover everything in the North Atlantic Treaty tactical area, including Germany and our rear areas, and have been integrated into a single organisation."

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NATO HQ MOVES TO PARIS

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'Pianophon' For Flat Dwellers

A portable piano, constructed by a Berlin engineer, Karl Baessler, is described as the ideal instrument for the small modern flat.

Called a "Pianophon," it is under three feet long, weighs 20 lbs. and has five octaves compared with the normal seven.

A great advantage of the new instrument — say non-musicians — is that nobody is obliged to listen to it. The player himself can use headphones but if the family want to hear, the Pianophon has to be plugged in to the gramophone pick-up of the radio set. Tone can then be adjusted by the ordinary volume control knob.

The Pianophon is already in large-scale production and inquiries have been received from Britain, the United States and Belgium. Export price, says Herr Baessler, will be about £25.—London Express Service.

ARTAJO VISIT TO JORDAN

Amman, Apr. 13.
The Spanish Foreign Minister, Senor Alberto Martin Artajo, arrived here today for a three-day official visit as part of his goodwill tour of Arab countries in the Middle East.

On arrival he went directly to the Royal Palace of Emir Talal, where he registered his name in the Royal ceremony book. With his party are the only daughter of General Franco, the Marquesa Carmen de Vallaverde, and her husband.—Reuter.

Franco's Policy In Middle East

New York, Apr. 13.

Paris cable in today's New York Times said that Spain's demand for increased influence in the Tangier International Zone was interpreted as part of an attempt to turn the current French-British difficulties in the Muslim world to Spanish profit.

The cable said that General Franco hoped to demonstrate that Spain alone was capable of reaching durable understandings with the Arab peoples.

This would increase Spain's value to the Western defence arrangements and her bargaining power for re-entry into good international society after a decade and a half of ostracism.—Reuter.

FILM OF GILBERT & SULLIVAN

London, Apr. 13.

An ambitious film attempt to recapture the musical success story of Gilbert and Sullivan goes into production in London this month. London plans a technicolour musical with a rich selection from all the light operas of the famous team.

Musical Director will be Sir Malcolm Sargent, full-time conductor of the BBC Symphony Orchestra. The London Symphony Orchestra will play the music.

Sir Malcolm has already selected many well-known singers to bring the Savoy operas to cinema audiences. They include Webster Booth, Marjorie Thomas, Muriel Brunskill and Harold Williams.

Robert Morley, one of Britain's most forceful actors of stage and screen, will play the witty, irascible Gilbert, Arthur Sullivan will be played by Maurice Evans, the British-born actor-manager who during the past 18 years has built up a fine reputation in America, mainly in Shakespearean and Shavian roles.

The film will be called "Mr Gilbert and Mr Sullivan" and is to be directed by Sydney Gilliat and produced by Frank Launder, a partnership which has already become established in many first-class films since the war.

New Piccard Expedition

Rome, Apr. 13.

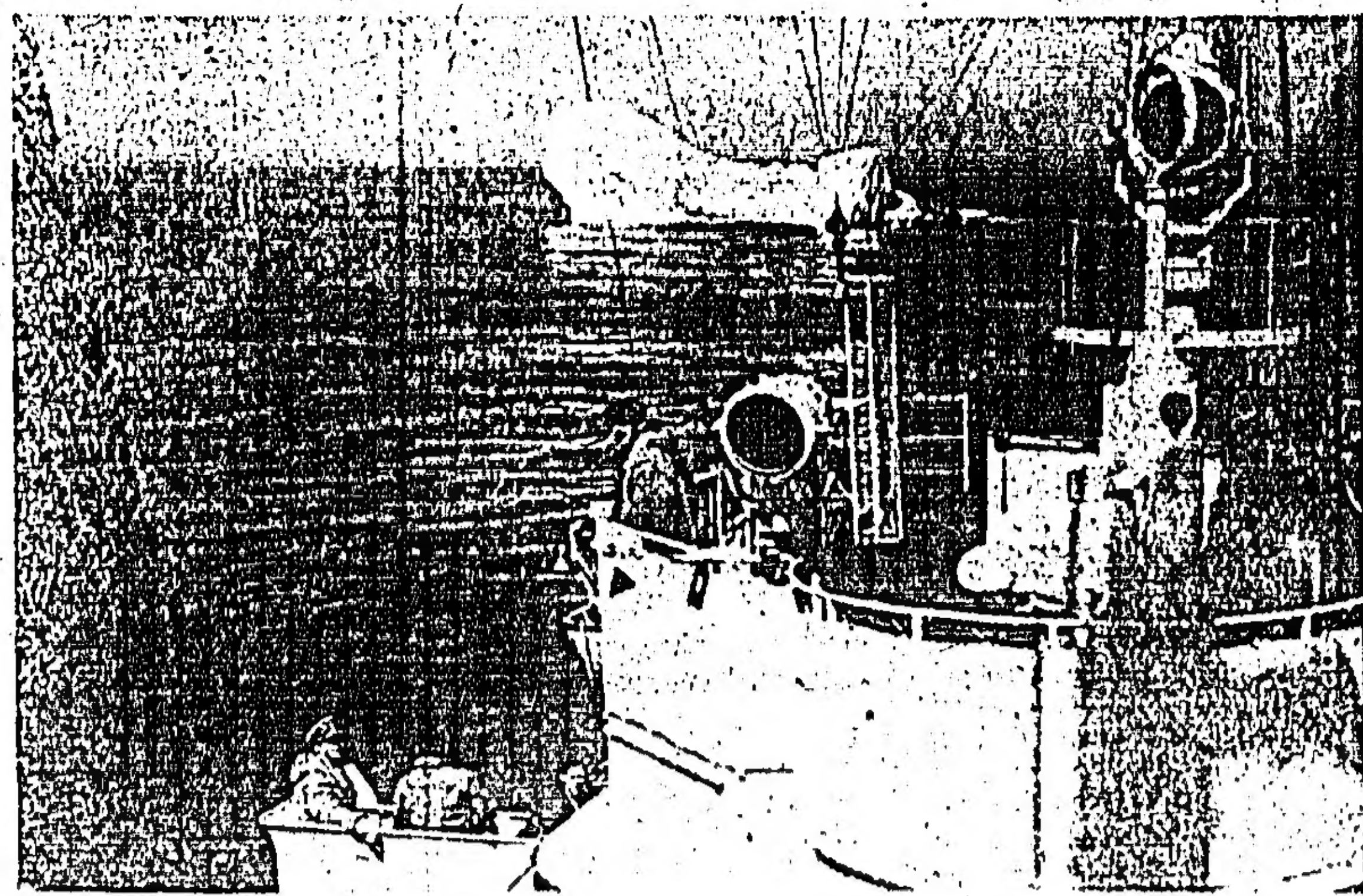
The Italian Navy today assured its full support to Belgian Professor Auguste Piccard, aged 68, who will try next June to lower himself 6,000 feet below sea level in his new diving bell.

Piccard and his son are in Trieste supervising the building of diving apparatus by a local shipyard.

Piccard will make his world record attempt off Ponza Island, 50 miles west of Naples, where the sea bottom is 12,000 feet deep. The spot was chosen because the sea is usually calm and the water extremely clear.

This new diving bell will not be linked to the surface by any cable and will go down and up under its own power.—Reuter.

Ice Patrol Keeps Watch On Berg



Coast Guardsmen aboard the Acushnet on International Ice Patrol duty observe from look-out stations the movements of an iceberg. Although small in size above the surface of the water, the largest part of the iceberg is hidden below the water.—Express Service.

Political Truce In South Africa Ends Tomorrow

Clash Expected With Malan

Capetown, Apr. 13.

South Africa's two main political parties are making final preparations for the re-assembly of Parliament on Tuesday when the political truce declared on March 28 for the Union's tercentenary celebrations ends.

They are expected to clash on the constitutional issues arising from the recent decision of the Appeal Court invalidating the Government's Separate Representation of Coloured Voters Act.

The Act, which became law last year, removed coloured people from the common voters roll and gave them special representation by white members in both Houses.

Tomorrow afternoon the Prime Minister, Dr. Daniel Malan, will lay before his Cabinet a bill drafted since the Court's decision, which will seek to establish the supremacy of Parliament. The bill will lay down that South Africa's courts do not have the right to test acts of Parliament.

The Opposition leader, Mr. Jacobus G. N. Strauss, is also completing his plans for Parliament's re-assembly.

He will be the first speaker in the resumed budget debate and proposes then to launch an attack on the Malan Government.

The bill, it is expected, will embody the points set out by Dr. Malan before the Easter recess.

PROTEST MEETINGS

It will define the supremacy of Parliament, making the new law retrospective to the coming into operation of the Statute of Westminster on December 11, 1931.

It will ensure that "the sovereignty of Parliament as representing the will of the electorate will be placed beyond all doubt, that the courts do not have the testing right and that the courts are protected against the danger of being involved in constitutional issues of a political nature."

According to Government newsmen, the bill, apart from establishing the unfettered sovereignty of Parliament, will lay down the procedure to be adopted should a bill again be challenged in the courts. It will provide that all questions of Parliamentary procedure will be subject to review by Parliament with whom the final decision will rest.

The Opposition will also launch a series of protest meetings this week.

Mr. Strauss will address the first which will be held in the Capetown City Hall on Wednesday night. The "Torsh" is an organisation of ex-Servicemen, which is pledged to oppose the Government along constitutional lines, will support this opposition campaign.—Reuter.

Rejection Of Federation

Salisbury, Apr. 13.

A conference of the Rhodesian National Association, representing people of mixed races, today passed a resolution rejecting federation of Northern and Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

The resolution said that federation "will not be the means of solving our present difficulties."

It added that the opinion of Asian and African organisations would be sounded.

The conference expressed disapproval of legislation based on race or colour and decided to appoint an Action Committee "with power to fight discrimination in all walks of life."—Reuter.

Killed By Own Car

Batavia, N. Y., Apr. 13.

Motorist Clayton Glick was crushed to death when his car fell off the jack while he was changing a tyre on a highway near here.—United Press.

More Trade Contracts Concluded

Moscow, Apr. 13.

The spokesman for the British delegation to the Moscow International Conference today announced the conclusion of commercial contracts with Eastern Germany and Rumania.

The contract with Eastern Germany called for the exchange of goods of a total value of £2,000,000. Under the terms of the contract, British firms would export textiles and shoes and import glassware, toys, various instruments and typewriters.

The contract with Rumania provided for £2,500,000 worth of trade.

British exporters agreed to send textiles, wool, cotton goods and artificial silk to Rumania.

British firms would import from Rumania grains and oil.

The spokesman added that the British delegation also sought to negotiate with the Soviet Union a contract for Soviet exports—totaling £2,000,000, including chemical products, minerals and colonial products, and a £2,500,000 bilateral contract for export to the Soviet Union of clothing and various cloth ends imports from Russia of wool and grains.

The spokesman for the Chinese delegation announced that his delegation had concluded import agreements with delegates from Britain, France, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Belgium and Ceylon.

The agreements called for \$90,000,000 worth of imports, the spokesman said.

RUSSIAN GIRL WINS PRIZE

New Delhi, Apr. 13.

A 14-year-old Russian schoolgirl, Mariana Voskynin, of Moscow, was today awarded a gold medal presented by the Indian President, Rajendra Prasad, for the best entry in an international children's art exhibition held here.

Mr. Nehru handed the medal to the Soviet Charge d'Affaires in Delhi to be sent to Mariana for her painting of a children's camp-fire.

More than 7,500 drawings from children all over the world were entered for the competition. The second and third prizes went to two Indian children.—Reuter.

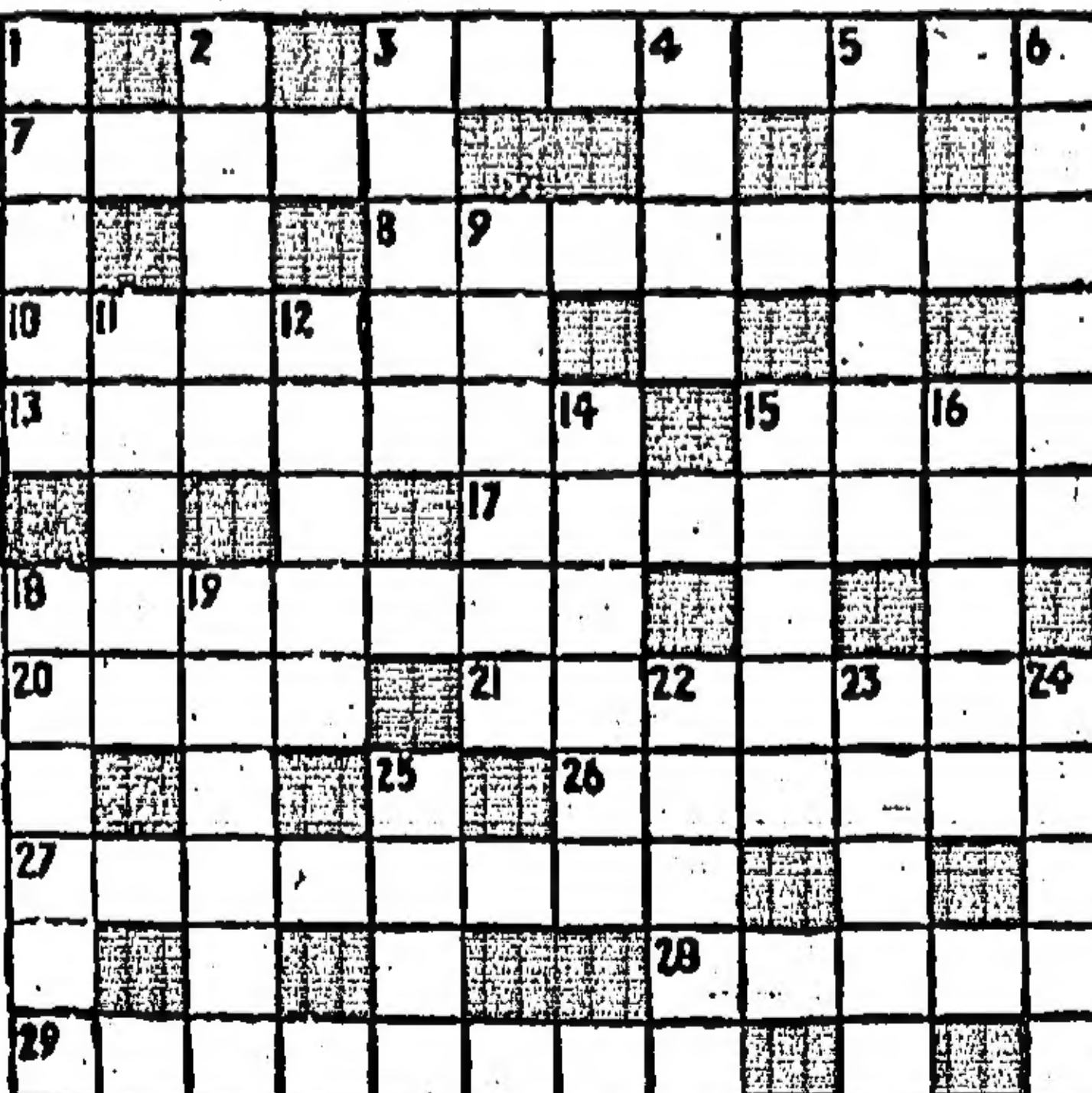
Record Traffic Accidents

Tokyo, Apr. 13.

There were 39 traffic accidents in Tokyo during the 24 hours ending 8.00 a.m. this morning, killing five persons and injuring 16, according to police reports.

This figure constituted a record mortality rate for traffic accidents in a single day this year, according to the police.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
3 Catches sight of (8).
7 Angler's basket (5).
8 Telephone employee (8).
10 Delicious drink (6).
13 Renegade (7).
15 Stitches (4).
17 Annoys (7).
18 Hang in the air (7).
20 Waterless (4).
21 Repeating (7).
23 Come out (8).
27 Interim period (8).
28 Vessel (5).
29 Means of gaining admittance (8).
- DOWN
1 Aroma (5).
2 Place of pilgrimage (5).
3 View with wicked joy (5).
4 Mud (4).
5 Long Seat (6).
6 Emphasis (6).
9 Due (6).
11 Mistake (5).
12 Wears (5).
14 Get back for payment (6).
15 Express (5).
16 Incorrect (5).
18 Injured (6).
19 Harried (6).
22 Odour (5).
23 Fetters (5).
24 Car parts (6).
25 Counterfoil (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Collar, 5 Purrs, 8 Learn, 9 Samuel, 10 Olive, 11 Since, 12 Edna, 13 Usher, 16 Avenue, 18 Delecto, 20 Crest, 22 Arch, 23 Topid, 25 Clear, 26 Cohore, 27 Texas, 28 Breed, 29 Leases. Down: 1 Cosmetic, 2 Lemonade, 3 Alas, 4 Relieve, 5 Procure, 6 Unless, 7 Revue, 14 Heartens, 15 Rulphs, 16 Altered, 17 Ethical, 18 Estate, 21 Ruler, 24 Dose.



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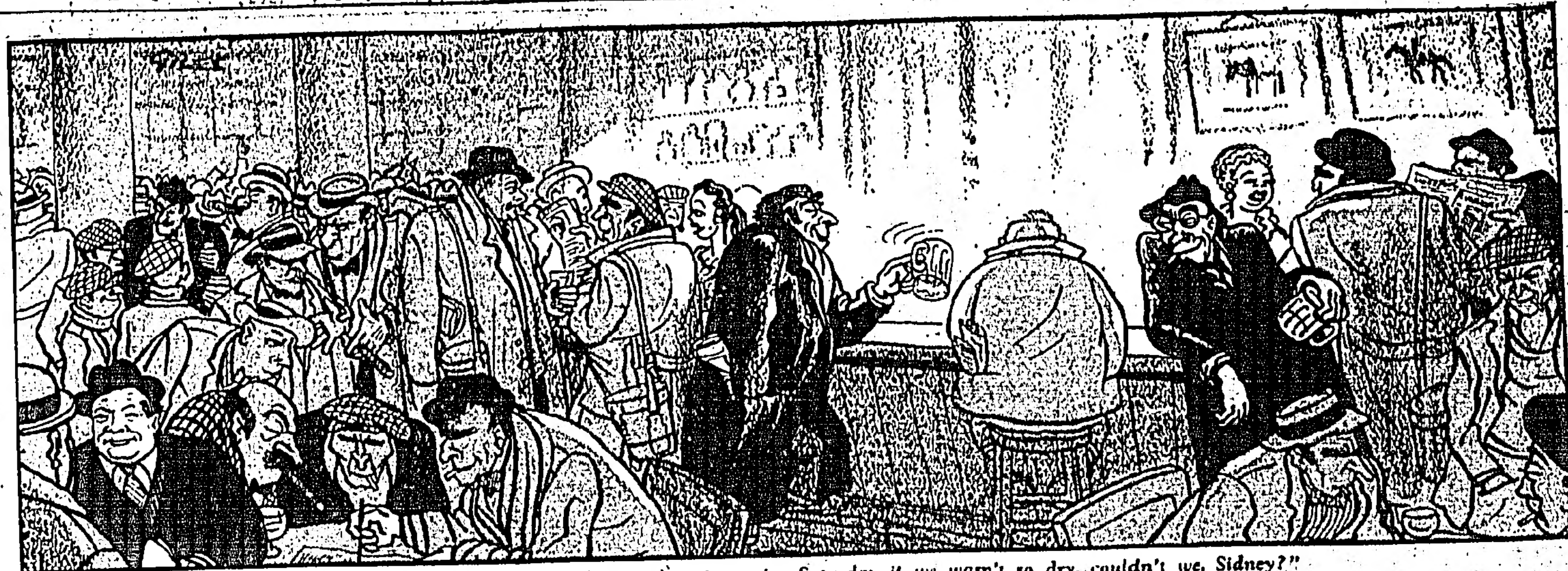


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She Has Written Some of the Wittiest Books

NANCY, MOST AMAZING OF THE AMAZING MITFORDS

By Hazel May

ALL the Mitford daughters are beautiful and wildly individual," wrote Evelyn Waugh, a close friend of novelist Nancy Mitford. It was this individuality which was to give Nancy, the eldest of the family, the material for some of the wittiest novels of the post-war period.

Most of the Mitfords have a genius for collecting people in the headlines around them. And they are almost invariably attracted to people with strong political opinions. A dominant personality, preferably engaged in propagating unpopular notions, is to a Mitford what a Tang horse is to a collector.

Wealth and an aristocratic family background gave them the opportunity of meeting many famous people. The dull and unremarkable they allowed to slip through their fingers. The controversial figures they adopted joyfully as their own. Thus, one generation of daughters included Unity Mitford, headlined throughout Britain when only 23 as the friend of Hitler; Jessica, a 19-year-old who made almost as much news as her sister by following the young man of her choice (one of Winston Churchill's nephews) to Spain during the civil war; Diana, who married Britain's leading Fascist, and Deborah, who became a gracious English duchess.

ECCENTRICITIES

BUT the family also included the eccentricities of this extraordinary family in a series of effervescent books, and seasoned them with the personalities of some of the celebrities and politicians—among whom she moves in Paris, London and Rome.

"In Pursuit of Love" was her first big success—Evelyn Waugh scolded her for using

up the material for three best sellers in one book—closely followed by "Love in a Cold Climate" and finally by "The Blessing." The first two are best sellers in England, America and France. Now "The Blessing" is out and selling at record rate.

Nancy was born in 1904 as the eldest of a family of six daughters and one son. It was the age of Gracious Living, and the seven children of Lord Redesdale were brought up in the best traditions of the landed gentry. A draughty country seat—amusingly described in "In Pursuit of Love"—a town house in Knightsbridge, horses, servants, nannies and governesses were the trappings of their lives. They had so many governesses that they lost count of them.

The Mitfords were brought up to do all the things that nice children do. They took the air in their prams in Hyde Park, hunted their ponies, were presented at Court, and Came Out when they reached the traditional age.

OFTEN BORED

IN after life they showed a strong interest in political demonstrations, foreign wars, picturesque characters and the Continent, despite their father's assertion that "all abroad was beastly," especially the foreigners there.

Because they never went to school, and especially in the gaps between governesses, the Mitfords were often bored. So Nancy started writing.

She wrote "Highland Fling" when she was 20, a high-spirited novel making fun of the typical house-party in Scotland—a form of entertainment only too familiar to the young Mitfords, who were unwillingly dragged off to the North every year.

According to newspaper cuttings, Nancy was a popular member of the young society set and was greatly in demand at the parties of the period. Her wit matched the traditional Mitford beauty. Spasmodically she studied art at the Slade, and spent some time in France.

After successfully evading many "suitable" matches, she

met and fell in love with a nudacious young man constantly in the news at that time. He was the Hon. Peter Rods, son of Lord Rennell, who was at one time Ambassador to Rome. He was 29, she was 29. A young man of great precocity and striking appearance, he was already a personality in his own right with the benefit of a cosmopolitan education received at Hamburg, Geneva, Wellington College, St. Ann's and Oxford. He had never passed an examination or taken a degree, but he read Horace and Homer for relaxation and spoke eight languages, including Touareg, with equal fluency.

MADE NEWS

HE made news by running away from Oxford to South America, where he explored the Chaco, became a bank clerk in Brazil, and took part in a revolution. Next, he went to Timbuctu, and finally disappeared for a year in the Sahara.

In the early thirties he decided to stand for Parliament, but after being adopted as Conservative candidate for Cornwall he was eventually abandoned by the Unionist Association because his policy was "too original." He became interested in Fascism.

It was said of him that he had more friends and more enemies than any man of his age in London.

They were married at the end of 1933 and settled down in London, where they continued to lead the life of the Bright Young Things of the Thirties. Their parties appeared in various social diaries later published; Evelyn Waugh caricatured them in his novels. First they lived in a little house at Strand-on-the-Green, then moved to a grander house near Chiswick, and then to a house in the artistic district of writers and artists which huddles beside the Regent Canal—the spot recently chosen for his home by playwright Christopher Fry.

JAUNT TO SPAIN

IT was at this time that the first of the Mitford daughters hit the headlines. The Hon. Jessica Freeman-Mitford aged 19 (Nancy's fans will remember the character "Jazzy" in the novels) started everyone by embarking on a jaunt to Spain plunged in Civil War. A friend, Esmond Romilly, a nephew of Winston Churchill, was fighting in the International Column.

But in those days when a peer was still a peer, Lord Redesdale had no difficulty in enlisting the assistance of the British Foreign Office, Scotland Yard, the Admiralty, and the Spanish authorities in tracking down his high-spirited daughter.

However, Jazzy later married Romilly, and went to America. He was killed in an air accident but she did not drop out of the news as she married again—an American—this time, Mr. Teuchat—and became associated with Left-Wing politics. And recently she made half a column in a London evening paper when she copied her £500 share in a family bequest to the Daily Worker.

Unity was the next sensation in the Mitford family. She flared more front pages than any girl of her age in Britain. She was an art student in Berlin when Hitler noticed her sipping coffee in a cafe. He



NANCY MITFORD

invited her over to his table and so began a strange friendship.

Being a typical Mitford, she had the courage of her convictions. When the tide of English opinion turned against the Germans she refused to break with her friends in Germany. She was attacked in print and mobbed by a Hyde Park crowd.

The story of her journey back to Germany, and subsequent return to England shortly after the war's outbreak is now old history. For many months she lived between life and death while M.P.s debated whether she should or should not be interned. She died, quite recently, at the age of 33.

Another of the sisters, Deborah, confessed to a more traditional ambition. From childhood she had announced her intention of becoming a Duchess. The family treated this as a great joke—until she confounded them all by marrying the heir to the Duke of Devonshire. She is now the Duchess.

Meanwhile Nancy had been caught up in the bewildering sequence of war. Peter had joined up immediately, and went away with the Army. Nancy remained in London.

FALLING BOMBS

"ENTIRELY fearless, entirely frivolous, she giggled among the falling bombs," wrote Evelyn Waugh. At the same time she joined the ARP and worked tirelessly as an Air Raid Warden for her "doubtful" district, where slums bordered on her own artistic quarter. But being fascinated by people of all types, she enjoyed it all and wrote her first really successful book about the "phony war." It was called "Pigeons' Picnic," a delicious comedy about a Fifth Columnist in an ARP post. Unfortunately Hitler's blitz which followed drove comedy books about war right off the market. Now her publishers plan to revive it.

After the first heavy bombardment, Nancy found herself penniless and looking for work. So she volunteered to turn the elegant Redesdale town house into a home for Jewish refugees. The transformation from a handsome detached drawing room and pale blue nursery into refugee settlement was achieved and she worked her fingers willingly to the bone. She found the refugees interesting, intelligent, but not very lovable. She lost

money consistently over the deal, and, eventually handed over the running of it to the Government and looked for another job.

By now much of the family money was gone—dust-bomb-blasted London. She took over the running of a Mayfair bookshop for a few months, and was unexpectedly left in charge for the whole war. It quickly became a centre for all that was left of fashionable and intellectual London.

At the end of the war she wrote "In Pursuit of Love," the book which put her in the front rank of light novelists. Part autobiographical, part family biography, she set down in its pages her inimitable family and some of the amazing people she had known.

"I wrote it because I had to," she told me. "Gradually the conviction grew upon me. The book snaped itself in my brain, and became an obsession."

Her style is perfectly adapted to her subject matter—yet strictly disciplined. But it is achieved with infinite labour. She writes each book four times.

PEACE came, and Nancy and Peter helped to vote in the Socialist Government. But they found little to please them in post-war England's grey austerity. So, like the Arabs, they packed their tents and moved to seek sunshine and gaiety on the Continent. Peter liked Italy, but Nancy did not.

"So dull," she said in her enchanting voice, which always has the hint of laughter in it. "The Italian women really are much more than in England!" she said, and you know, looking on satin couches day-long, with boxes of chocolates by their sides, all gossip and lovers up the back staircase. Such routine, such tedium...."

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SMASH HIT

ALEXANDER KORDA thought instantly of Nancy when he wanted a film script written round the theme of a diabolical small boy, the child of an Anglo-French marriage. The result was her latest novel "The Blessing," although the film has yet to be made. The film rights of Nancy's three books were quickly snapped up, but they have yet to be seen on celluloid.

Perhaps, one day, she will write a play. Certainly, she achieved a smash-hit success with her translation of French playwright Rostand's "The Little Hut." There was more work in this than in most translations; she re-wrote some of the dialogue and the jokes.

Literary success and a high degree of popularity—for she is always in demand for her ready wit and charm—have not spoiled Nancy. She will be as charming and pleased to meet you or me as the crowned and uncrowned heads of Europe among whom she frequently moves in Paris.

Her set there consists of all the literary people worth knowing. "It's such fun," she says. "I've got together much more than in England!" she said, and you know, looking on satin couches day-long, with boxes of chocolates by their sides, all gossip and lovers up the back staircase. Such routine, such tedium...."

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A GENTLEMAN who fell off a horse is said to have "almost bounced back into the saddle." His quickness deceived the eye, and I will warrant he was wearing a rubber costume like the eccentric peer who, after being coached by an acrobat, used to fall out of his library window on the second floor, and bounce back again in at the window. One day he bounced back too hard, and so bounced out of the window again. But by now he had lost control, and he could not stop bouncing. The calm summer day drew in a close, the lights twinkled from the village, and still that rubber-clad fool went on bouncing. Finally, a gardener, mistaking the suit with a bodkin, and the exhausted nobleman was able to rest from what a retired schoolmaster called his "unpleasant Odyssey."

Blunt truth
A VETERAN gasman, who claims to have climbed 326,481 steps in the course of duty, admitted, with some hesitation, that "Nobody would ever think of doing that sort of thing unless he had to." The ring of truth in this statement. There is no point in going on like a gasman unless a meter-

reading awaits you at the end of each journey. A man who is not a wheel-tapper on the railways does not walk along the platform with a hammer, doing nothing. Nor does a non-night-watchman sit up all night by a radiator in an empty factory. Let us tell the truth, even though it hurts.

One fine day
Standing in his short white-sleeved tunic, like a surgeon at an operating table, he looks long and thoughtfully at a face he is about to change.

ONE day some exasperated and disillusioned woman will get in the first blow, and change his face.

A fuss about nothing
WHEN I read that a man had been fined for "Kissing a glass window," I naturally, as Chairman of the Derbyshire Nail and Screw Workers' Drama League, suspected that the reporter of this event was a Japanese. I read the item again, and discovered that the man was sitting in an Egyptian train.

YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

MONDAY, APRIL 14

BORN today, you appear to have a gay and rollicking nature but underneath it is a serious and grim determination to realize your idea, despite all kinds of opposition. A natural foe of all injustice and inequity, you will fight for those who are less privileged. You are a natural executive and can introduce your ideas spontaneously, and easily. You come to you "just naturally," and developing them is second nature. Never permit yourself to be sidetracked by too much routine work.

Actually quite affectionate by nature, you will only show it to those closest to you. To such, you are warm-hearted and responsive. Yet, to casual acquaintances you can be quite "stand-offish," even shy and retiring. You are not one

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—This is a fine day to make plans for the future. Send invitations. **TAURUS** (Apr. 21-May 21)—You may be able to find some labour-saving device for your housekeeping. Make things easier. **GEMINI** (May 22-June 21)—Someone quite close may need your help. Be gracious in giving of your time and energies. **CANCER** (June 22-July 23)—If there is a crisis at home or at the office, you are one who can step in and help. **LEO** (July 24-Aug. 23)—Invite people from your office to join you for an evening of entertainment. **VIRGO** (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Don't make promises that you are not sure you will be able to fulfill. Don't boast. **LIBRA** (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Pay no attention to rumors or gossip. Avoid someone who may be jealous of your progress. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—If a friend needs your help, be an

hand to give it. Encouragement can bring happiness. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Avoid emotional upsets, especially during the afternoon hours. Relax and enjoy the day. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Doing some light reading or listening to some music can change your point of view. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Show tact in making suggestions to members of the younger generation. **PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Even close friends may need to be handled tactfully. Don't make compromises to keep peace.

CONFLICT OF EVIDENCE

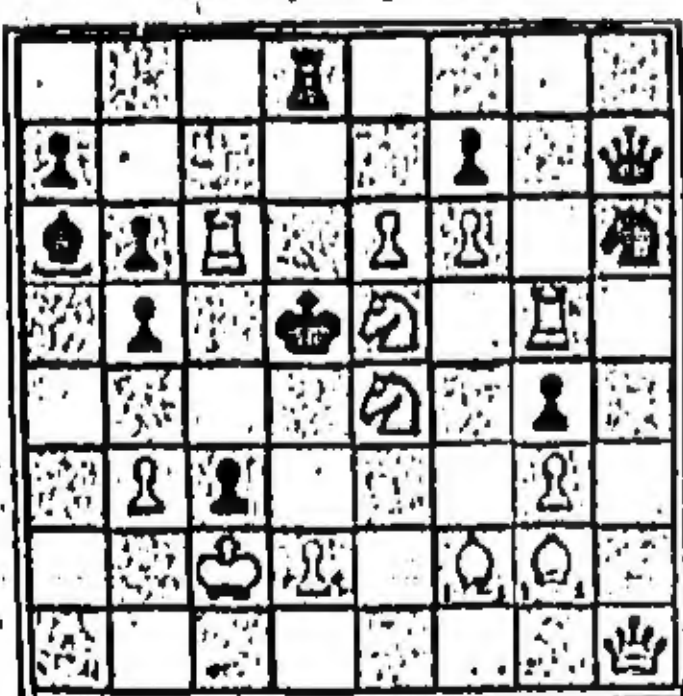
by T. O. HARE

"The evidence in this case," said Mr. Justice (Fute), "has been far from satisfactory. For example, one point at issue has been the relative positions of the two defendants on the occasion when they dined together. It has been stated by various witnesses, that Bates sat opposite Cooke; that Cooke sat opposite Jingle; that Bates was on Cooke's left; that Bates was on Mason's left; that Mason sat on Jingle's right; and that Mason sat on Jingle's left. Who actually sat on Mason's left?"

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CHESS PROBLEM

By F. NOVEJARQUE
Black, 11 pieces.



White, 13 pieces.
White to play; mate in three.
Solution to Saturday's problem: P-B7, any; 2. Q, B, Kt (dbl ch), or P (=Q, or R) mates.

• BARBS

By IAL COCHRAN

JUDGING from today's skirts, women are going to all lengths to keep in style.

Lots of politicians have two hats—one to throw in the ring and one to talk through.

A refrigerator is where you put dabs of food on dishes you don't want to wash.

A pound of phosphorus will tip a million matches which little kids shouldn't play with.

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Caution Pays Off For Bridge Player

By OSWALD JACOBY

ARTHUR GLATT, of Chicago, who won the National Open Pair championship in Detroit has long been known as one of the outstanding players of America. The defensive plays he made in the hand shown today explain why he is so well regarded by his fellow experts.

Glatt opened the king of hearts from the West hand and then shifted to the queen of diamonds. Declarer won with dummy's king of diamonds, drew two rounds of trumps, then cashed the ace of diamonds and gave up a diamond trick.

The average defender would automatically return a club, thus simplifying declarer's play at that suit. It would then be pretty easy for declarer to hold the last to one club trick—which is all he can afford to lose.

Glatt had taken the precaution of counting, so he knew that declarer had only five trumps, three diamonds, and one heart to begin with. Hence he must have started with four clubs in each hand.

It could do him no good to discard a club from either hand, so Glatt calmly led a second heart, allowing declarer to ruff in his own hand and discard a club from dummy.

What's more the Chicago expert had taken the precaution of playing the ten and jack of diamonds on the second and third

NORTH 22			
♦ Q 8 3 2	♦ 7	♦ K 6 3	♦ Q 10 9 8
WEST		EAST	
74		109062	
AKJ843		AKJ73	
109		109	
4		4	
SOUTH (D)			
AKJ105		5	
474		AK652	
Both sides vul.			
South	West	North	East
1	2	3	4
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♥K			

rounds of that suit. He still held the ace of diamonds, but he had made it look as though his partner held that card.

South now had to play the clubs. If he had a low club from his hand and put up dummy's queen, East would win the ace of clubs and return a low club, whereupon South had to decide whether to play the king or let the lead ride to dummy's ten.

South steeled himself for this problem for a long time. It looked to him as though West had started with two trumps, only three diamonds, and probably six clubs. If West had only two small clubs, why hadn't he returned a club? Instead of a diamond, he had returned a heart.

South finally decided that West must have a blank jack of clubs at this stage, so he put up the king from his hand. This play, induced by Glatt's unimpeachable defence, cost declarer his contract.

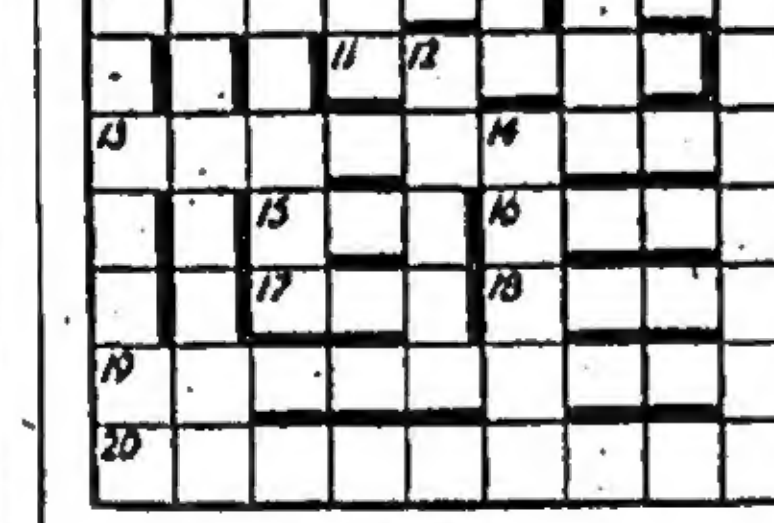
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DUMB BELLS

BUT DEAR, HOW CAN I EVER COOK A FISH THAT BIG, WE ONLY HAVE AN EIGHT IN FRYING PAN?



WOMANSENSE



Well-tailored doeskin reefer.

By VERA WINSTON

BACK again in the fashion picture and indicative of a spring revival is the trim, reefer coat with a narrow half belt in back. This one, fashioned of red, white or blue doeskin, is double-breasted and has a classic notched collar, and split pockets placed vertically at the hips, side front. The interesting cuff detail completes a smart, wearable coat.

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Says JOHNNY WILLIAMS

So I'm the heavyweight champion. Just like Ted Broadbent always told me I would be. Yes, the slightly superstitious, home-loving farmer's boy from Rugby has taken home the bacon, in spite of the heartaches, headaches, and nightmares—yes, nightmares—which have gone before.

Heartaches? Yes, I had plenty. Didn't the people who ought to know say that I was finished after Jack Gardner beat me the first time in Leicester? Didn't the headaches I had—literally—in that hospital bed, and at home, after the fight tell me those folk were probably right?

You bet they did. I'm going to let you into a secret now. For weeks after that defeat I couldn't get the light out of my mind. I lay over a thousand times by night, and woke up shouting about it at night.

LOSING WEIGHT

How my wife stood it I'll never know. Not only did she have the worry of my moods, but the additional one of knowing that I was losing weight as a result of my own private fears. Every day I told myself I was just a no-good who would never fight again. Every day she contradicted me. Well, she was right, and only I know how much I am indebted to the little Irish girl from Waterford.

At the ringside at Earl's Court, London, though she'd never admit to it, she must have been wondering whether she had to face it all over again. I could sense the feeling of consolation when she came into the dressing-room after the fight, and said to me, and said "You don't look too bad, anyhow."

I didn't look too bad. No, I didn't. But I felt wonderful. Not so much because of winning the personal satisfaction of winning the titles gave me—but because I knew I hadn't let the team down.

Yes, this was a team victory. There was Ted, who'd never doubted my ability, and Mr. Broadbent, who had helped me in those early days of building-up my weight. There was Leslie Jeffs, who's helped me with those troublesome nerves in my arm, and George Exner, who'd healed my cut eyes so that they were tougher than they'd ever been before they were cut.

There was Natty Williams, who'd assisted Ted so quietly and conscientiously in my corner, so that there was no worry or fuss like I could see going on in the rival camp just twenty feet away. And there was my wife, Josie. Yes, I was happy for all of them.

NO RIOTOUS CELEBRATION

There was no riotous celebration. I don't like fuss, and ours is a family camp, anyway. In fact, it might have been just another fight. True, they had hung a Lowndes belt around my middle in the ring, but within a few minutes Teddy Waltham, the secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control, had come to collect it to get a name inscribed on it—my name.

And Mr. Onslow Fane, the chairman of the Board, had come to congratulate me and to say, in such a homely way "Well done, Johnny and beat plenty of those foreigners."

It was then that I really knew that I hadn't been kidding myself in thinking that all the omens which pointed against me were really in my favor. I knew, for example, that I had gone out in the dressing-room which had been occupied on the last Earl's Court occasion by a fighter who'd been beaten—none other than Sugar Ray Robinson.

I wasn't sure whether my wife had brought with her the Christopher charm which had been given to me by a well-wisher. I knew we'd had to turn back after leaving the Broadbent house for the arena because Ted had left behind his box, of tricks for use in the corner, and I knew we'd missed the police patrol supposed to escort our car.

I knew all afternoon I'd worn my pullover back to front, because I wouldn't change it after I'd put it on wrong way round at the weigh-in. I thought of all that, and then told myself there was no need to worry, because the last three champions to fight in the same ring had all lost their titles—Freddie Mills, Bruce Woodcock and Ray Robinson.

I knew I didn't have to worry, really, because my preparation had been thorough and I felt good. I was prepared, if necessary, to meet, and beat, a

stronger Gardner than the one who had beaten me at Leicester. And as it turned out that was just what I had to do.

PSYCHOLOGISED

Gardner, I was told, had been psychologised. Perhaps the first indication I had of that was in the weigh-in. As usual, I said "Good luck, Jack, may the better man win," hoping secretly, of course, as we all do, that the better man would be me.

He didn't answer—just glared at me. He came out to fight glared at me. At the end of the first round, I was throwing a left hook at the bell ring. I stopped it just in time. "You'd better not do that again," he said.

He spoke to me many times during the fight, but I couldn't have cared less. I knew the needle was there all right, just as if someone had told him he had to keep on hitting me. But I wasn't concerned about that. I was concerned about my breath and energy for more important things, and equally sure that as long as he felt that way about it he couldn't be as composed as I was.

Perhaps I'd be a better fighter if I had more vengeance in me. But as far as I was concerned I was doing a job of work, to orders, and I had no intention of letting talking or rough-house tactics after our plan.

I said, Gardner was stronger than in our first fight. That's true. But those solid months of training, with a hundred and fifty miles of roadwork this year, meant that I was stronger, too.

For all that I was giving away weight. Pushing around an extra stone and a half is not easy—particularly when the other fellow decides to use his arms as if he's intent on strangulation which, in fact, he did.

THE FULL JOURNEY

So our plan was that I should pace myself. Remember, I had never before travelled the fifteen rounds distance, and yet I had firmly made up my mind that if I could go the full journey, I should be the winner.

With that in mind, I employed the same tactics that I had done in my gym work. Then I had deliberately done only just as much as was necessary in the early part of the rounds, for something like two minutes, and had let myself go in the last minute.

Right. I didn't throw as many punches as I usually do, so from the point of view of the connoisseur, I wasn't boxing as well as I have done in the past. I knew that only too well, but I wanted to make sure of being there at the finish.

"You're doing all right, Johnny," they kept telling me as I came back for the end of each round. But I distinctly remember that by the end of the seventh I was thinking there was still a very long way to go. No such thought crossed my mind again, and it seemed that before I knew it we were at the end of the twelfth.

With three to go I was more than ever sure that I would make it. Then, for the first time in the thirteenth I got myself caught on the ropes, and took a couple of uppercuts. They didn't really shake me, but when you've gone that far every punch you take must have its effect, and in the fourteenth I certainly felt really tired for the first time in the fight.

I went out for the final round with Ted's final exhortation "Don't fight him Johnny—just do as you've been doing." Ted knew that Gardner would try for one last desperate throw. Well, I didn't fight him, but it was in resisting the urge to do so that I came nearer to throwing away the titles I felt I had already won than I ever believed possible.

Nothing and ducking, I was trying to avoid those swinging blows. I was getting on nicely until, for some unaccountable reason, I ducked the wrong way. A right hit me flush on the jaw. Oh boy, I was really in trouble. But I boxed my way out, and decided that it might not be a bad idea to try one myself.

A TIRED YOUNG MAN

True, Gardner had taken my best right hands in the ninth and tenth, but when I connected again it seemed to affect him a good deal more than the earlier ones had done. Yes, make no mistake, he was a tired young man, too, hence his reaction to that wallop.

Referee Jack Hart grabbed my hand immediately the bell rang, and at that moment I thought of Leicester again. I felt sure I had taken harder blows than I did in the first fight, but this time there was no doubt about it—I was the champion.

How tired was I? Well, I wouldn't be telling the truth if I didn't say my body ached, but I wasn't tired mentally. In fact, I didn't want to go to bed. I'd seen too much of it in the days before the fight.

Yes, I'm going to let you into another secret. After my Wednesday workout the previous week my doctor told me that I had done all that was necessary in the way of training—that what I really needed was rest to prevent me passing my peak. So it was that I spent sixteen hours of every day in bed—no, not having nightmares, just reading and sleeping.

So if I yawned when I went into the ring it wasn't because I was tired. Perhaps it was because I was just bored with not being tired, but the fight put things back into perspective.

Now, it's rest again, for six weeks at least. Ted Broadbent has said he doesn't want me to see a boxing glove. Well, he never told me wrong before, so that's good enough for me.

And where do we go from there? First, the plan is some ten-rounders, because, as Ted says, "he's not a Cesarewitch horse yet." Then, I think I can collect the European Championship. I've beaten the holder, Heinz Nuhnau, once, even though they only called it a draw. I'm not boasting when I say I think I can do it again.

HE CAN HAVE IT

If Gardner wants a return, he can have it. I want to tell him that if we meet again, there'll be no ill-feeling on my part. What's more, I'll promise him he won't be messed about as I have been messed about.

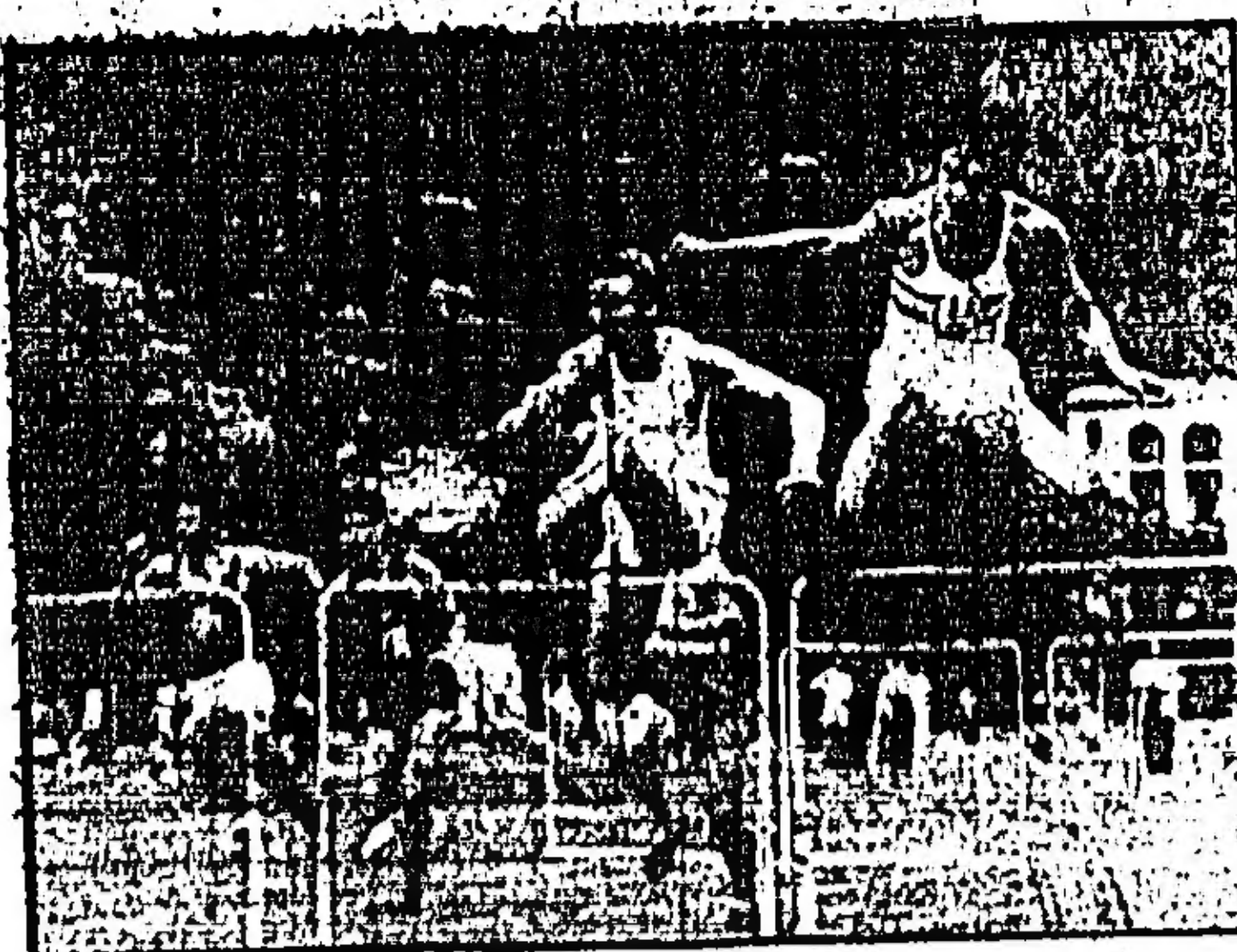
Remember I was first to have fought him last September. Then I came his losing fight with Hein "Ten Horn" his cut eye, and his psychological treatment, which ruled us out again even in December.

But first I want him to remember that I had to rehabilitate myself in my own way—by fighting. And before we meet again I want to see him beating some of the fellows I've had to beat, such as Omelio Agramonte. If it is in the cards that we meet again, I think I shall be able to repeat my success.

Again, that's not boasting. I'm not given to it. Sure I'm the heavyweight titleholder, and I've realised a dream many people thought was beyond me. But I'm still just Johnny Williams, slightly superstitious, still home-loving, content with my friends and extremely pleased at what they've been able to do for me.

And, unlike so many champions, let me tell you I am not likely to be called over-ambitious. If there's one thing I could ask for the future, it would be "Just let me be a good champion."

Colony Athletic Championships



South China's Chang Yat-hung winning the High Hurdles from Lt. J. O. Caye and A. Collico at the Colony Athletic Championships at Sookunpoo.—China Mail Photo.

THE BIGGEST UPSET OF ALL WAS THE DAY'S CLIMAX

By "RECORDER"

The Colony's athletic fans have long ago resigned themselves to the belief that Peter West, winner of every distance race over a mile here since his arrival, would remain unbeaten in Hongkong.

That was not to be at the Colony Athletic Championships on Saturday at Sookunpoo when his conqueror appeared in the person of Joe MacMahon, who hung on for 11 laps and then opened up a devastating final sprint to win.

Coburn set up a new Colony record of 16 minutes 3.5 seconds for the distance, beating West's 16:05.8 last year, with West second in 16:09.2.

The story was going that West was running with a pulled muscle, but Peter was the first to deny this, saying after the race that he was as fit as ever and the track exceptionally fast.

For once Joe MacMahon did not steal the show though he ran a splendid 2 minutes 2 seconds for a new record in the 800 Metres, after a first lap under 55 seconds by Leung Kam-po.

MacMahon's finishing burst left McCord and Leung Kam-po far behind, but it was a great triumph for South China in that the Chinese Club produced the third, fourth, fifth and sixth to finish after an all-European final last year.

GOOD TRIPLE

Joe MacMahon won the 1,500 Metres in a photo finish from Lt. McCord, repeating his double in the Army Championships, in 4 minutes 28.6 seconds after three very slow laps.

He completed a great triple by running a winning anchor leg in the 1,600 Metres Relay for Army. Many had been tipped to win the 400 Metres, but the winner turned out to be the Inter-School Champion and record-holder, Lo Wing-chuen, who negotiated the distance in the respectable time of 53.6 seconds, the fastest ever by a Hongkong schoolboy.

Second was a surprise in the person of Gpl. D. J. Bass of Army in 54.2 seconds, with Leung Kam-po third in 55 seconds. Stephen Xavier won the two sprints, in 11.2 and 23 seconds, with Wong Man-wan second, as expected, and the third place going to Quentin Almo in the shorter sprint and to W. L. McCall in the longer.

GREAT VICTORY

One of the greatest victories of the day was Chang Yat-hung's in the 110 Metres Hurdles over Lt. J. Caye and A. Collico. His 16.7 seconds may

Khan And Karim In Scottish Final

Edinburgh, Apr. 13. Hoshim Khan, the Pakistan holder, and Mahmoud Karim, of Egypt, reached the final of the Scottish Open Squash Rackets Championship here today for the second year in succession.

Khan, the British Open and Professional Champion, beat Leslie Keeble (London) 9-4, 9-2 and Karim defeated R. B. Wilson (Surrey) 9-5, 9-0 and 10-8 in the semi-finals—Reuter.

be accepted as the Colony record.

Outside of Coburn's first place at 5,000 Metres, the only other unexpected victory was 2/Lt. M. W. Wren's in the Long Jump with a leap of 20 feet 11 inches.

Deborah Hurlbutt won the Women's Long Jump, going out to 14 feet 9 inches on her third. Only three jumps were allowed, which was three less than last year.

Jennifer Hart, beaten into fourth place in the 100 Metres final last Sunday, came back with a new record in the 200 Metres in 29.1 seconds and also equalled the High Jump record of 4 feet 5 inches held by Julia Tingay and Valerie Jillett.

(Full summaries and pictures of the Championships will appear in tomorrow's China Mail).

FA COLLECTS 400 GUINEAS IN FINES

London, Apr. 13.

A number of English soccer players are no longer spending money from their clubs when they are away from home. Fines of 50 guineas each have been imposed on eight prominent Northern soccer clubs by the Football League for breaching of the rules relating to spending money for players while on away trips.

Middlesbrough, the First Division Club in the North-East, is one of the clubs involved.

Recently a questionnaire was circulated on the practice of issuing spending money. Some clubs openly admitted that they had paid this money while others denied it. Those who confessed have been fined.

A Middlesbrough official stated that the team often stayed from Friday to Sunday when playing in London. There is always an organised visit to a show on the free evening, he said, and on Saturday the players are allowed to go off on their own, and they are given money to defray out of pocket expenses.

"MORE EXPENSIVE"

Mr. David Jack, Middlesbrough's manager, said: "If we took the players out on Saturday night it would be more expensive than awarding them a small sum as spending money. Undoubtedly they spend more than they receive from the club, but spending money has of course been stopped now."

"We are hoping the position will be clarified during the closed season, and brought on a par with what happens when international teams are abroad and receive spending money."

Regulation 18, Clause 2, of the League states: "Any payment, either in cash or by way of presents or any form of gift to a player or his family, in excess of wages, benefit, pre-arranged accrued share of benefit, signing on bonus, match bonus, and talent money, will be regarded and treated as the illegal payment of a bonus."

INDIA'S TOURING TEAM CAN CONTRIBUTE TO BRIGHTENING UP ENGLISH CRICKET

London, Apr. 13.

India's touring team, which is due in England towards the end of this month, can play its part in helping to bring about a revival in English cricket by contributing to the call for brighter play.

In the days of Ranjitsinhji, Duleepsinhji and the Nawab of Patnauli cricket enthusiasts in England have always linked graceful and exhilarating strokes with virtues all Indian cricketers possessed, but in recent years their play has been dogged by the same ills as beset English cricket.

If this year's side could recapture the spirit of aggression of the amateurs who, primarily shown by their famous predecessors, they would render service to English cricket as did the West Indies two years ago. At the same time they would become extremely popular and a successful tour would be assured.

DIFFICULT SITUATION

In choosing the team, the Indian selectors faced a difficult situation. It was very familiar to that which confronted the MCC in deciding the team to tour India last winter.

Few experienced players were available and the side finally chosen was young and keen but largely experimental.

It is possible that the Indians will settle down into an effective force, but present indications are that they have a hard struggle ahead.

For the first time in England they will be playing five-day Tests, and the fact that they could only draw the rubber against an England side minus Compton, Bedser, May and others can be taken as a guide.

Apart from England being able to field a much more powerful side this summer, the Indians will be without their leading all-rounder, Vinoo Mankad, who will be playing in Lancashire League cricket.

Under the quiet, careful leadership of Hazare, the team may well blend itself into a side difficult to beat, with the batting predominant.

Given satisfactory weather conditions, it is hoped that the Indians will bring an adventurous spirit to the game. In any case, they would be ill-advised to enter their five-day Test matches with safety first as their dominant consideration.

Though there were big attendances for the South African Tests last summer, the 30 runs an hour crawl diminished interest in the subsequent county matches.

For once no blame could be attached to England last year. Freddie Brown was a captain whose first objective was victory, and it was his inspiring example that brought success in three Tests.

CAPTAINCY PROBLEM

Unfortunately Brown has decided to retire from the England captaincy and the selectors, bearing in mind the visit from the Australians 12 months hence, have to consider not only the captaincy but the whole composition of the side.

Norman Yardley, Chairman of the Selectors, could fill a place in the side in these days when all-rounders are scarce. Names of other amateurs who come to mind are R. T. Simpson, W. J. Edrich and D. J. Insall, all batsmen who must be at the top of their form to deserve selection.

Otherwise, England will have to look to the professionals, and one who has had a great deal of experience as captain is H. E. Dollery, who last season led Warwickshire to the County Championship.

There would also be support for Len Hutton and Denis Compton.

Apart from Brown, the following who played in at least one Test against the 1951 South Africans make an interesting list: Batsmen: L. Hutton, D. Compton, P. B. May, R. T. Simpson, W. Watson, F. A. Lawson, T. W. Graveney.

Bowlers: A. V. Bedser, R. Tattersall, J. C. Laker, J. H. Ward, J. B. Statham, M. J. Hilton, D. Shackleton.

All-rounders: T. E. Bailey, J. T. Ikin.

Wicketkeepers: T. G. Evans and D. V. Brennan.

Others who could push themselves to the fore are R. Appleyard, the Yorkshire opening bowler, and A. Watkins, who did well in India as an all-rounder.

TWO MAJOR PROBLEMS

Two major problems confront British cricket. Both are old in the history of the game. One is, who is going to be England's leader now that the burly, cheery Freddie Brown has made it known that he would like to finish with the captaincy? The other is, who can be groomed to replace vital help to Alex Bedser as the spearhead of England's attack?

With regard to England's leadership, an apparent dearth of amateurs who, primarily equality, as they must, by playing ability, has added support to those who have been clamouring for a long time that tradition must be forgotten and a professional given the honour.

The other problem of a real attacking partner for Bedser is beset with more difficulties.

Should those who direct British cricket from Lords agree that the time has come for a professional to be England's captain, even those who disagree with the break in tradition are just as unanimous in their approval of Len Hutton, of Yorkshire, as the obvious choice for the job.

There is no such clear-cut solution in the matter of a new England bowler to play his part with Bedser. The only point of agreement is that England does need such a bowler, and quickly, with the Indian tourists here this coming season and the Australians following next year.

History has proved how much depends on an opening pair of real attacking bowlers. Without delving too deeply in records, such pairs as Gregory and MacDonald and Lindwall and Miller for Australia, and Larwood and Voce for England, immediately spring to mind to substantiate the theory that Test success must have such bowling as its basis.

Admirable and British enthusiasts alike have often expressed the view that if Bedser had had a comparable opening partner to share the burden of the last Test series in Australia, the Ashes might well have come back with Freddie Brown and his men.

Bedser, of course, is growing no younger. But he plays his young enough to play his part against the Australians next year. He becomes a more dangerous threat if he finds support in hostility from other England opening bowlers.

There is no doubt England's Cricket Selection Committee—Freddie Brown, Bob Wyatt, Leslie Ames and Norman Yardley, the chairman—will secure the country this coming season, fortified with the knowledge that any "discovery" will have a natural and valuable baptism for the fight Australia next year in the Test matches this season with the Indians.

TWO YORKS POSSIBLE

Strangely enough, the names of two Yorkshire players have been mooted as possible answers to the search for a real attacking opening bowler with Bedser. Bob Appleyard and Brian Close.

Appleyard looks like a right-handed equivalent of Australia's left-handed Bill Johnston. Appleyard insists that he does spin the ball and not "cut" it, but at the same time he does qualify as a medium-paced bowler as well as an undoubtedly off-spinner. He is tall, too, so that he can dig in the ball from a good height when necessary. Last season he gave more than a mere promise.

Appleyard, in form and tempered for the demands of Test match cricket, would make an ideal combination with Bedser.

Close, of course, was a disappointment on the Australian tour, but there are those who remember how on one occasion Freddie Brown gave him the

15 Probables For Queen's Prize

London, Apr. 13.

There are 15 probable runners for the Queen's Prize to be run over two miles at Hampton Park at 8.00 p.m. GMT tomorrow.

They are, with jockeys: Strathpey (L. Figgitt), Approval (Gordon Richards), Star Spangled Banner (C. Smirke), Videl Vici (W. H. Carr), King's Colour (G. C. Elliott), Vandal (G. Gifford), Ambler (J. Mercer), Sportsmaster (P. Barlow), Richard Louis (B. Smith), Claudius (W. Smith), Alfred Brose (D. Smith), Bag Blue (B. Clayton), Pygmy (R. Reader), Akara (R. Arnold).—Reuter.

ball, and suggested that he should "let himself go" for an over or two.

Close answered the challenge and the batsmen certainly had to use their feet to some purpose.

Close has now finished his National Service, and with his build, and under that Yorkshire tutelage, he could easily develop into the bowler England seeks.

It is safe to assume that Norman Yardley, as Yorkshire's skipper as well as chairman of the Selection Committee, will keep an eye on Appleyard and Close.

The Selection Committee would undoubtedly feel happier about the Ashes if England's bowling seemed as bright in its future as does the batting strength.

Last year's series with South Africa did, if nothing else, reveal that England had two assured Test batsmen in the young amateur Peter May and Frank Lawton. And the tour of India added the seal to the claims of Tom Graveney as an undoubted rival to Denis Compton as England's No. 4.

It would be a triumph, indeed, for Yorkshire if it should happen that Len Hutton be chosen as England's leader and either Appleyard or Close prove to be the ideal and much sought partner for Bedser.—Reuter.

Seven-a-Side Ladies' Hockey Tournery Today

Weather permitting, a Ladies' Seven-a-Side Hockey Tournament for the "Peggy" Faber Cup will be held at the King George V School ground today.

Ten ladies' teams have entered the Tournament, which will be on a knock-out system and which will commence at 11 a.m., with intervals for lunch and tea.

The ordinary rules of the game of hockey as laid down by the International Hockey Board will apply except as noted below:

a. A game shall be played by two teams of not more than seven players each. The usual constitution of a team is three forwards, two half-backs, one full-back and one "kicking" full-back.

b. The duration of the game shall be two periods of 10 minutes each. At half time the teams shall change ends and the interval shall not exceed five minutes.

N.B. The "kicking" full-back must be nominated before a game commences and must be clearly marked in order to assist the umpire. She will be permitted to kick the ball or stop it with her feet or legs or body inside the circle, but any such action outside the circle would be penalised in the usual way.

SCORING

The team scoring the greater number of goals shall be adjudged the winners. But should a game end with both teams having scored the same number of goals, the long and short corners will be counted to establish winners.

A record must be kept of corners and points will be allotted, two for every short corner and one for each long corner. Should teams still tie, the teams must again toss for ends and re-commence play. The team then making the first score (even if only a long corner) will be declared the winners.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Should a player be injured so seriously as to prevent her playing in a subsequent match, it will be permissible for the team to nominate a substitute from either a second team or from the reserves. If a substitute is nominated from the second team, a reserve can be played in the second team.

However, it will not be permissible for the girl originally replaced to play in any subsequent game, nor will a substitute from the first team in the second be allowed.

THE GAMBOLS



Barry Appley



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THE GRAND NATIONAL



Jockeys tumble amid the closely packed field as the first jump brings the first casualties in the Grand National Steeplechase at Aintree, Liverpool. In the lead at this stage is the much-favoured Freebooter (No. 1), owned by Mrs. L. Brotherton and ridden by B. Marshall.

Lord Bicester's Roimond (No. 2), with T. Molony up, just manages to avoid the falling jockeys.



Mr. H. Lane's Teal, a 100-7 second favourite, was ridden by A. P. Thompson to a five lengths victory. Photo shows white-haired owner Mr. Harry Lane, 52, a contractor from Stockton-on-Tees, leading Teal in after the race.—Reuterphotos.

Hongkong Selection XI Again Does Better Than Interport Team

By "SPIV"

The Hongkong Selection XI once again did better than the Interport team, when they beat the visiting Manila side by five goals to nil yesterday.

The visitors, though on the defensive for the greater part of the game, held on gallantly in the first half, conceding only one goal.

The continuous pressure exerted by the Hongkong forwards, with left-wing Hau Ching-to and centre-forward Lee Tai-fai in particular, playing a grand game, overran the Manila defence in the second half, scoring a quick series of three goals in four minutes and following this up with the fifth goal towards the end of the game.

Played before a rather small crowd, the game never reached a high standard, the only compensating feature being the clean and sporting display given by both sides.

The local XI enjoyed the distinct advantage of a sound defence, and a fast moving forward line which showed better ball control and more finesse in approach work than their opponents.

But for the big-hearted resistance put up by goalkeeper Fructuoso, right-back Arnaz and centre-half Eduque, the Manila XI would have gone down by a much wider margin.

THE GOALS

Hongkong took the offensive from the opening whistle and after Manila had missed a good scoring chance when Arnaz shot over the bar, opened the scoring in the 16th minute with a good header by Dai-zei off a centre by Hau Ching-to.

There was no further scoring until the interval.

Six minutes after the resumption, Miller back-heeled the ball to Hau Ching-to and enabled Hau to notch up Hong-

kong's second goal with a neat drive.

Two minutes later, Miller again sent Hau through with a good long pass. Taking the ball in his stride, Hau beat two of the defenders and crashed the ball into the net for Hongkong's third goal.

The fourth goal came in the 10th minute of the second half from another move initiated by Miller. A pass by him to Chu Wing-wah was centred across and converted by Lee Tai-fai with a spectacular header.

The last goal of the day was scored in the 25th minute by Hau Ching-to who ran through on his own past three defenders before slamming the ball into the goal, to bring his bag for the afternoon to three goals.

Manila—Fructuoso, J. Arnaz, R. Castillo, V. Eduque, R. Tillmann, J. Garcia, Estela, Reinos, Arrasca, Hazon, Castillo.

Hongkong—Selection—Crookes, Enderidge, Kirkland, Lee Ping-chui, Tennel, Lo Wai-keen, Chu Wing-wah, Dai-zei, Lee Tai-fai, Miller, Hau Ching-to.

VISITORS ENTERTAINED

A Chinese dinner was given in honour of the Manila football players at the Filipino Club yesterday evening.

Mr. Singlan said he was glad to see so many young faces among the football team, adding that nearly half of them were in Hongkong for the schoolboys' Interport last year.

Mr. Emilio Ugarte, manager of the Interport team, thanked the Filipino Club on behalf of the team and himself for honouring them with the dinner.

61 Countries Entered For Olympic Games

Helsinki, Apr. 13. With 61 countries entered to date, the 1952 Summer Olympic Games to be held here between July 19 and August 3 promise to be the greatest ever staged.

Hungary's entry brought the figure to 60—beating the record of 59 entrants at the London 1948 Olympiad—and Venezuela came in shortly afterwards to boost the number to 61.

Twelve of the entrants—Bulgaria, Germany, Saar, Nigeria, West Indies, Gold Coast, Hongkong, Paraguay, Rumania, Japan, Siam and Russia—did not compete in the London Games.

Of the 1948 entrants, Afghanistan, China, Colombia, Cuba, Iraq, Korea, Lebanon, Malta, Monaco and Syria have not yet accepted the invitations sent out by the Organising Committee.

Thirty countries have so far not specified the events in which they will compete. They include Russia, Germany, Japan and Czechoslovakia.

The Olympic events are track and field, boxing, cycling, football, swimming, and water polo, wrestling, weight lifting, fencing, gymnastics, rowing, canoeing, yachting, field hockey, shooting, modern pentathlon, equestrian and basketball.

Sweden, United States, Denmark, France and Italy have tentatively entered for every competition. Britain is waiting to see if she can raise enough money for a basketball team and, if so, will also have entered equids for every contest.

—United Press.

Today's Chances At The Valley

By "RAPIER"

The Easter Race Meeting under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club continues today and will again draw a large holiday crowd of racing fans.

The first saddling bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m., with the first race starting at noon. The tiffin interval will follow the running of the fourth race, and the first bell after tiffin will be rung at 2.30 p.m.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE

Saiwanho Handicap (First Section): From 1½ Mile Post.

Our novice jockeys will be on view in this opening event, and they will be called upon to handle Class 7 ponies. Acquisition will be ridden by Mr. J. A. Auchincloss, and as it won the Mount Parker Handicap (First Section) over this distance at the 5th Race Meeting, should be strongly fancied to win.

I think it will do the trick, having Rous d'Or (Mr. Y. Chen Ching-lan) and Prince Dahlia (Mr. E. S. Wong) to dispute second place.

As an outsider, Kwong Leung (Mr. T. B. Dau), is a good one and may cause an upset.

SECOND RACE

Mataukok Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.

I don't think I shall be far wrong in stating that the ponies to watch in this race are Ben Macdhuil (Mr. Kwok), Sparkling Eyes (Mr. Renfrew), Light Star (Mr. Samarcq) and Battelfield (Mr. K. S. Shu).

Ben Macdhuil, judging from its third placing in the Southern Handicap (First Section) over 1½ Miles on the second day of the Annual Meeting, should have a good chance of winning, but Sparkling Eyes is not to be ignored, as this pony can move fast and the distance is more to its liking.

Light Star is a much improved animal and if it keeps up in the early stages of the race it may yet spring a surprise. Battelfield, with its light handicap of 145 lb., may prove a good bet for venturesome punters.

THIRD RACE

Latchikok Handicap (First Section): 1½ Miles.

The third section of Class 8 Southern Handicap (Second Section) over this distance at the Annual Meeting, with Mr. Young Peter up, Aga King is up another class. As it will be taken out by Mr. Renfrew today, it has still a chance of repeating its previous success.

But it will have to be on its best form to stave off Brivisto's challenge as that pony will again have Mr. Samarcq's experienced handling.

The Kam Lung (Mr. Ostroumoff) ran well to take second place the last time out. Over this distance it is capable of extending both Aga King and Brivisto.

As an outsider I recommend keeping Straight Forward (Mr. K. Kwok) in mind.

FOURTH RACE

Pokfulam Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.

In this race confined to Class 8 ponies, an interesting finish should ensue. Ironside (Mr. Ostroumoff) will undoubtedly be made hot favourite, and on form it should certainly have a good chance of winning.

Jericho (Mr. Oliveira) is the next best bet, but it must also be borne in mind that Care Free (Mr. F. Noodt) is a fast moving animal and if it can take the lead there will be no catching it.

Busy Bee (Mr. Chun Kit) is also speedy and Minya Mimya (Mr. Needa) is quite capable of winning.

FIFTH RACE

Saiwanho Handicap (Second Section): From 1½ Mile Post.

This event will be fought out by the second section of Class 7 ponies and, judging from past performances, National Glory, which will be taken out by Mr. Kwok, will probably win.

Opposition is likely to come from A Grand Time (Mr. H. S. Chang). Cassie is another pony to watch as it was recently promoted from Class 8, whilst Chief Witness (Mr. Oliveira) is not bad.

Fleet Admiral (Mr. S. W. Lee) is fast improving, pony and, with only 137 lb. to carry, may conceivably cause an upset.

SIXTH RACE

Mataukok Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

This race is confined to the second section of Class 6 ponies. Huntmaster (Mr. Kwok) which came in fourth in the Southern Handicap (First Section) over 1½ miles on the second day of the Annual Meeting, has a great opportunity of winning this race.

Air Power (Mr. S. W. Tang) has shown improvement in its

morning gallops after winning the Northern Handicap over 1½ miles at the Annual Meeting for Class 7 ponies and will probably have a say at the finish if it does not actually win.

Mabel (Mr. Oliveira) also looks dangerous over this distance and should be worth a \$5 bet each way.

Exquisite Love (Mr. Chen Poo) and Boom Town (Mr. C. F. Ng) are also good enough to extend the above ponies.

SEVENTH RACE

Mongkokkui Stakes: From 2 Mile Post.

This race will be contested by Subscription Ponies of 1952. Winners and Ponies which have won less than \$1,000 in stakes are barred. Weight 147 lb.

The ponies to watch in this race are Beautiful Lie (Mr. Vong), Hawaiian Moon (Mr. T. L. Wang), Marietta (Mr. Oliveira), Valbridge (Mr. Ostroumoff) and Fleeting Moment (Mr. Renfrew).

Beautiful Lie is my choice and I think it should win, but Hawaiian Moon is not to be ignored as this pony is quite dependable over this distance.

Marietta, Valbridge, and Fleeting Moment are quite good over this distance and will be near at the finish.

EIGHTH RACE

Pokfulam Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

In this race Some Fun (Mr. Chun Kit) will have an opportunity to score a win after its performance in the Phaethon Handicap (First Section) over the two mile post at the Annual Meeting when it came in fourth with Mr. E. S. Wong up.

There is Abdul Hamid (Mr. T. L. Wong) to be considered and, if given a runaway start, this pony will give Some Fun a good run for the first position.

Gladius (Mr. Robert Tsai) and Miami Beauty (Mr. H. H. Chan) should fight out third place.

NINTH RACE

Saiwanho Handicap (Third Section): From 1½ Mile Post.

This sprint event is confined to the third section of Class 7 ponies and over this distance the best thing to do is to look for the draw for positions as a good start will probably win the race.

Judging from the entries, English Cabbage (Mr. C. F. Ng) has the best recommendation for the first position, and account of its fine form at the moment during morning gallops. I think it should account for this race.

It may, however, meet with stern opposition from Aerophone (Mr. H. C. Pih.) which is speedy over short distance.

Copper (Mr. H. S. Chang) is running well during morning training and should be considered.

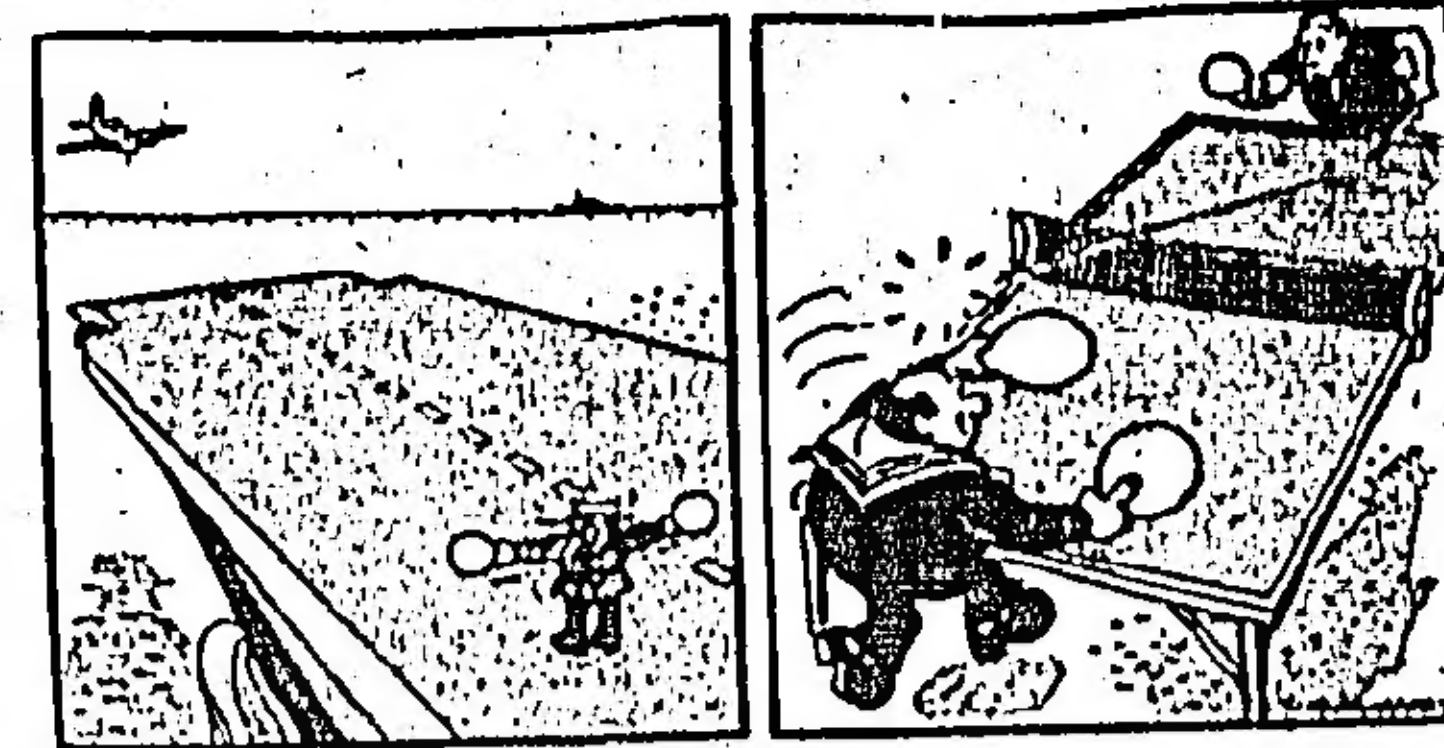
Toowomba Boy (Mr. Robert Tsai) and Trade Wind (Mr. T. L. Wong) are fast movers and they can be depended upon to make a fight of it.

TENTH RACE

Mataukok Handicap (Third Section): Six Furlongs.

The third section of Class 6 ponies is given an opportunity of fighting out the issue in this event. High Straight (Mr. Ostroumoff) won the Southern Handicap (First Section) on the second day of the Annual Meeting over 1½ miles and on that performance, I think it will just about do it again.

Hurry On ran extremely well at the Annual Meeting to come second in the above race (second section) in the above race (second section).



Third Record By Gail Peters At Daytona

Daytona Beach, Florida, Apr. 12.

Gail Peters broke her third record in the National Women's Indoor AAU Swimming Championships today as she splashed to a victory in the 100-yard breaststroke event in 1:11.7.

Miss Peters, representing the Walter Reed Hospital at Washington, topped the National AAU record of 1:12.5 established by Carol Pence, of the Lafayette, Indiana, Swim Club. Miss Pence finished third with 1:12.7 behind Judy Cornell, of Portland, Oregon, with 1:12.2.

Miss Peters set new marks in the 200-yard breaststroke and the 300-yard individual medley earlier in the three-day tournament.—United Press.

TODAY'S SPORT

Races: Easter Race Meeting at Happy Valley (second and last day). First saddling bell at 11.30 a.m.

Golf: Exhibition match featuring Max Faulkner at Fanning Golf Course, 2.30 p.m.

Soccer: 1st Division—St. Joseph's v South China (Caroline Hill); 2nd Division—St. Joseph's v South China (Caroline Hill); 3rd Division—St. Joseph's v South China (Caroline Hill); 4th Division—St. Joseph's v South China (Caroline Hill); 5th Division—St. Joseph's v South China (Caroline Hill); 6th Division—St. Joseph's v South China (Caroline Hill); 7th Division—St. Joseph's v South China (Caroline Hill); 8th Division—St. Joseph's v South China (Caroline Hill); 9th Division—St. Joseph's v South China (Caroline Hill); 10th Division—St. Joseph's v South China (Caroline Hill); 11th Division—St. Joseph's v South China (Caroline Hill); 12th Division—St. Joseph's v South China (Caroline Hill); 13th Division—St. Joseph's v South China (Caroline Hill); 14th Division—St. Joseph's v South China (Caroline Hill); 15th Division—St. Joseph's v South China (Caroline Hill); 16th Division—St. Joseph's v South China (Caroline Hill); 17th Division—St. Joseph's v South China (Caroline Hill); 18th Division—St. Joseph's v South China (Caroline Hill); 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Like most Far East Royal Air Force stations, Negombo, set amid palm-tree plantation 25 miles north of Colombo, Ceylon, has its own jungle rescue team.

It is manned by officers and airmen of all branches and trades—every one a volunteer—who not only have to pass fitness tests on entry, but turn out once a week for a 15-mile route march through swamp and jungle, fording fast-flowing rivers and skirting paddy fields knee-deep in mud.

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Recently, their stamina was tested to the full when three officers and twelve airmen made a night ascent of 7,300-foot high Adam's Peak, in South-West Ceylon, on the summit of which is a Buddhist Temple visited annually by pilgrims.

Leaving Negombo in the afternoon, the team went to the end of the Pigeon Point, where a 1,000 feet above sea level and eight miles from the peak, arriving there after dark. Each member carried, in addition to his jungle outfit and accoutrements, some sixty pounds of jungle survival packs or first aid outfits and some carried arms against a chance encounter with wild animals.

HARD GOING

The first stage of the ascent involved a distance of 5½ miles and a rise of 1,000 feet to the first stopping place. This took a little over two hours, and after resting for half an hour, the team started on the second

lap to reach the base of the peak. On this stage the going was extremely difficult. The track had narrowed considerably, so that the team could only move in file, and it lay across steep hillsides with a sheer drop of 1,000 feet or more. The gradient had become very severe and a good deal of clambering over slippery rock had to be done. The actual distance was not great, but it was a hot and fully-extended team who arrived at the second halting place an hour later.

Strenuous as the going had been on the second stage, it was simple by comparison with conditions on the final lap to the summit. This involved a rise of over 2,000 feet. For a short distance the track led through forest area and afterwards along a narrower winding path which in unevenly graded steps first lay diagonally across the rock formation and then rose almost vertically to the top of the peak, which was reached just as dawn was breaking.

The last stage had taken two hours and 20 minutes. The rise in altitude of almost 3,000 feet was exhausting, and long before the summit was reached the team was showing signs of fatigue. More and more stops had to be made for rest. The entire ascent occupied more than six hours.

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

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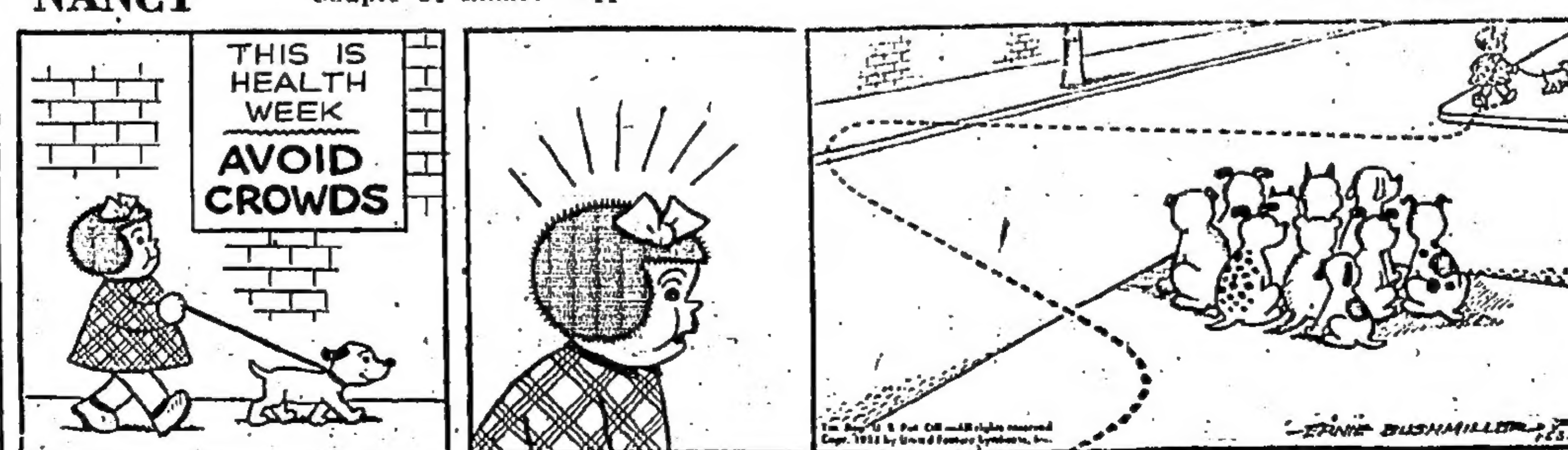
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Slump In Textile Industry Likely To Be Intensified

London, Apr. 13.
 The worldwide textile slump has sandwiched European manufacturers between dropping export markets and tightening domestic demand, and all signs indicate that the situation will get worse before it gets better.

Worst hit are the large textile-producing countries—Britain, Belgium, Switzerland and Italy—where output has dropped as much as 20 per cent so far this year.

Production is stable or increasing in only a few countries such as Germany, France, Ireland and Norway, but even so there is some unemployment because of local sales resistance.

In France, production is on the increase but statistics are deceptive. A Government spokesman said last week that there was full employment in Alsace and Lorraine only because of social welfare-minded industrialists who still produce

fully despite the threat of saturation. He warned that textile workers in Eastern France will gradually be unemployed if the problem is not solved soon.

The extent of the unemployment is difficult to gauge because many are now working three or four days a week or have reduced hours per shift.

LANCASHIRE SLUMP

Many British mills close for a fortnight over Easter, cutting production for the month to about 50 per cent of last year's output.

Latest estimate of unemployment in Lancashire is about 100,000.

In Belgium, nearly a third of the textile industry's 160,000 workers are unemployed.

In Italy, there are about 110,000 unemployed in the textile industry, an increase of 15,000 over a year ago.

In Germany, working hours have been reduced.

Increasing competition from Japan and general world over-production were blamed by most textile men in Britain for the dropping overseas sales.

French producers claim that German, Italian and British goods are squeezing into the French markets, especially in North Africa.

Italian trade figures show slumps ranging from 32 per cent in wool exports to 55.5 per cent in rayons.—United Press.

Ship Purchase

Discussions

Rio de Janeiro, Apr. 12.
 Negotiations have been started between representatives of the Japanese Industrial Exhibition in Brazil and the Brazilian Government for the purchase of Japanese coastal vessels, according to the newspaper "Diario Popular".

The tonnage of the ships would range from 2,000 to 2,500 tons.—France-Press.

TORY CRITICS SURPRISE

Intense Criticism Of Butler Proposals

Campaign By Back-Benchers Gaining More Supporters

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Apr. 13.
 The Chancellor of the Exchequer is meeting strong opposition to two of the most important proposals of his recent Budget.

That certain aspects of the Budget should come under attack was probably no more than the Chancellor expected; but what must have surprised him was the intensity of the criticism from his own supporters.

Midway through the debate on the second reading of the Finance Bill five Conservative back-benchers, led by Mr. Ralph Assheton, Chairman of the Conservative Members' Finance, Trade and Industry Committee, put down a motion calling on the Government to reconsider their proposals with regard to the purchase tax "in order to alleviate the rising unemployment in the textile industry."

In spite of this additional pressure, however, Mr. Butler refused to allow a "tax-free holiday" for textiles or to consider adjustments and reductions in the purchase tax.

This decision was a great disappointment to Lancashire—whose spokesmen had pressed hard for total abolition of the purchase tax on cotton and rayon goods—and the Conservative back-benchers, with one exception, decided to let their motion stand.

Other Members joined the campaign and the motion now has the support of 16 members of the Government party, one Liberal and 16 Labour members.

Mr. Assheton has now carried the campaign further in a letter to "The Times." He points out that the three essential needs are for food, houses and clothes.

The Government subsidies of these have been cut. On the other hand, the Government impose "grievously high" taxes on textile products and of these goods there is a great supply which cannot be sold at home or abroad.

According to Mr. Nemoto, Thailand may be able to meet Japan's request for the export of 100,000 tons of rice in the first half of this year.

This means, he added, that Japan may be able to get at least 150,000 tons of rice during that period.

Mr. Nemoto said he called on the Thai Government to export 100,000 tons in addition to the 500,000 tons already requested.

Although both countries were extremely friendly and sympathetic, Mr. Nemoto went on, "it is not certain whether Japan will be able to import as much rice as she wants from them because of their internal politics and orders from other nations."—France-Press.

Quick Work By Oil Scientists

London, Apr. 13.
 Lightning scientific work by an oil research laboratory has made possible current tests of what may prove the world's deepest producing well—a borehole 18,660 ft deep at Allen Parish, Louisiana, U.S.A.

A few weeks ago when a depth of 17,336 ft was reached, abnormally high temperatures encountered caused gasification of all available drilling muds and threatened the project with abandonment.

The oil company's chemists were alerted to evolve some new preparation to overcome this threat—and drilling mixture has been perfected.

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The Government than the campaign for abolition of the purchase tax on textiles.

There are many aspects of the excess profits levy which are clearly inequitable and there has been very full discussion of these in the Press and elsewhere since details of the levy were first announced in the Budget.

Nobody likes the three base years—1947 to 1949—which have been chosen for the purpose of assessing a company's liability to this new impost. In the first place they include a year—1947—during which, as the National Union of Manufacturers has pointed out, industry was partly paralysed by a fuel crisis.

Secondly, they include the year in which Sterling was devalued. But, broadly speaking, the major criticism of the choice of these three years is that it fixes a company's "standard" profits to the level of those earned during a period when many industries were still recovering from the effects of the war.

This applies particularly to rubber and tin companies operating in Malaya.

The National Union of Manufacturers has suggested that the Government should extend the base years to include 1950, giving the taxpayer the choice of any two of these four years.

There seems to be little hope, however, of the Chancellor accepting this proposal. His reason for originally excluding 1950 was that company profits in that year were unduly inflated by the effects of the Korean war.

On another aspect of the levy, however, there is good reason to believe that the Chancellor might introduce some amendment to meet the case put forward by many critics.

This concerns the alternative method of calculating standard profits under which a company whose profits were unduly low during any of the base years is permitted to bring into the average a fixed percentage of their paid-up share capital.

This is considered by many directors to be unrealistic as most companies can show a wide difference between their nominal capital and the real capital actually employed in their business.

To meet this argument Mr. Butler has indicated that he is prepared to explore the possibility of introducing a third alternative based on net assets of a business.

But he added a warning that "in that event, I should have to reconsider the percentage offered."

To the other uncertainties which industry now has to face, the excess profits levy has proved distinctly unpopular.

Mr. Butler's promise to "examine any just claim that can be put forward" has therefore been welcomed as a sign that the Government are prepared to think again on at least some aspects of the levy.

But those who have demanded its complete abolition have been disappointed. Mr. Butler has answered them with a blunt "no."

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Electric Power From Volcanoes

Rome, Apr. 13.
 The Italian State-owned petrol company, Asip, is prospecting large areas of South Italy, and volcanic islands, with a view to exploiting the heat of volcanoes to produce electric power.

One experimental power station is already functioning on Volcano Island, near Stromboli, and is producing results. Drilling of Vesuvius slopes will begin soon.

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Widow Tells Of Five-Hour Wait At Hospital

London, Apr. 13.
A Westminster inquest was adjourned after a widow had said that her husband was kept waiting for five hours in St George's Hospital before he was given a bed.
The coroner, Mr. H. Neville Stafford, said that he would have to obtain evidence from the hospital about various times mentioned.

The World's Oldest City

Godstone, Apr. 13.

Miss Kathleen Mary Kenyon, 45-year-old British archaeologist, said today that the Biblical city of Jericho has strong claim to be the oldest city in the world.

She said that the exploration revealed that Jericho had no fewer than 12 walls in the course of its history. The first dated back at least 7,000 years.

Our discoveries show that there were seven successive walls belonging to the early Bronze Age. The earliest of these would be dated about 3,000 B.C., and the evidence is that it was destroyed by an earthquake.

The last was completely destroyed by fire in 2,100 B.C., she said.

BRONZE AGE CITY
Our earlier discoveries had shown that Jericho had a long history as a city. In the early Bronze Age, dating back to around 3,000 B.C.

But we discovered that the remains of a Neolithic civilisation were very much more extensive than had been supposed.

She said that Neolithic Jericho could be divided into two periods: in the earlier period there were flint and bone implements but no pottery; in the later period there was pottery.

Miss Kenyon said that a number of houses belonging to the pre-pottery period were excavated. They were made from mud bricks and their walls were carefully plastered.

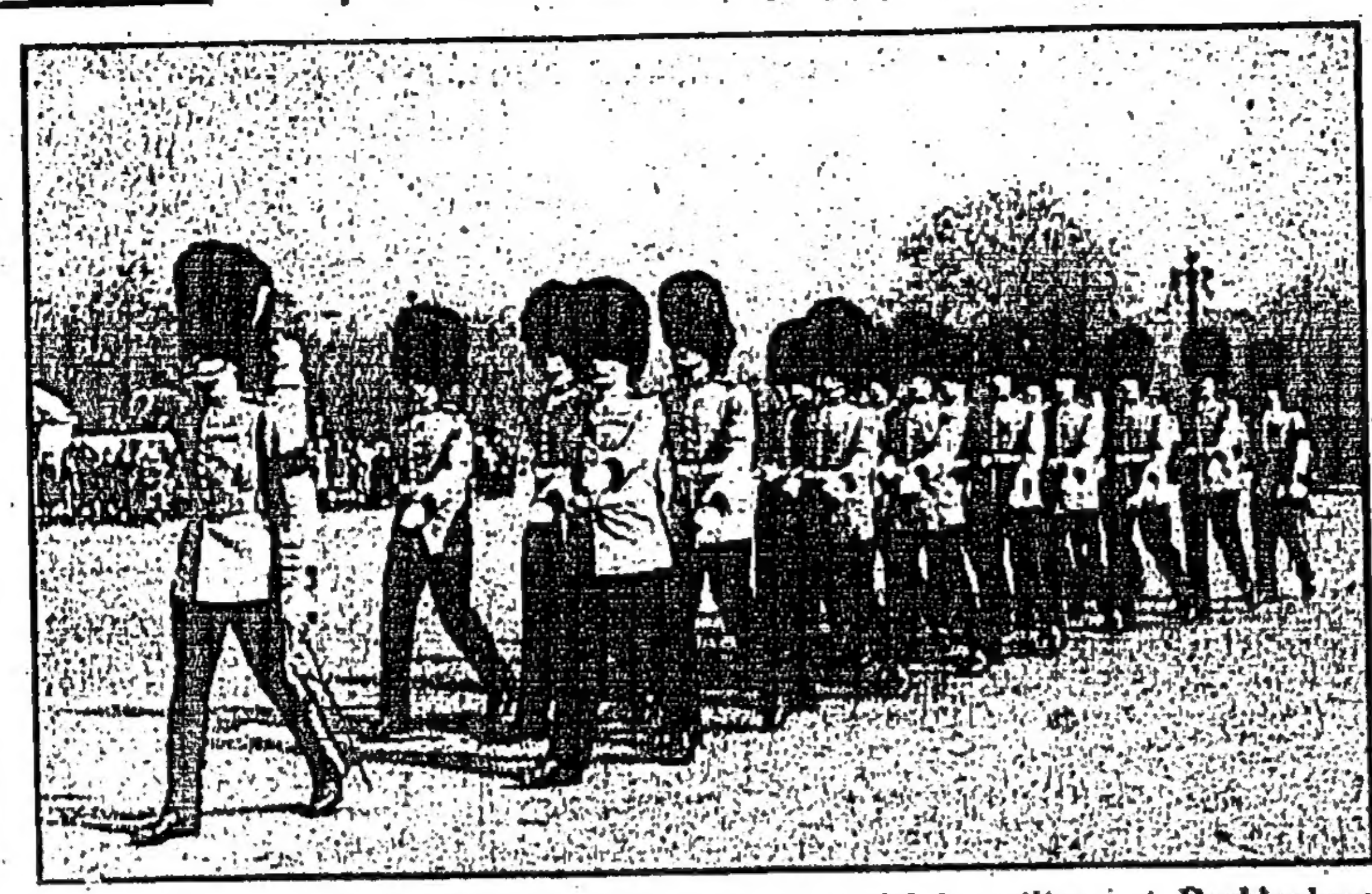
Beneath the floors were extensive burial mounds.

In one we found the skull of an old man propped upright in the corner of the room—apparently an attempt by the occupiers to preserve the wisdom of the individual concerned for subsequent occupants. Miss Kenyon said.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Variety Bandbox, Freddy Canner, Leon Cortez, Bill G. Connor, Joyce Goring, Jack Allen and Barbara. Billy Tennant and his Orchestra. Compere Philip Slingshot. (BBCS); 2.30 The Calendar. A Play by Edgar Wallace (BBCS); 2.30 Song and Dance in Britain. A Programme from Northern Ireland (BBCS); 4. Louis Levy and his "Music from the Movies" 4.30. Negro Spirituals 4.45. Sylvia Bales (BBCS); 5.30. Played by Helle Orch. cond. by Sir John Barbirolli; 5. London Studio Melodies (BBCS); 5.45. Eric Robinson and his Orchestra with Eric Whitely and Maureen Springett; 5.50. Recital by Yehudi Menuhin (Wolfe); 6. Programme Summary; 6.05. Children's Half Hour presented by Elizabeth Ann (Studio); 6.30. Half-Century of Musical Comedy (BBCS). Memories recalled by W. MacQueen-Pope and Jean Butler, Frederick Harvey, Stephen Manton, Billie Baker and Dudley Rolph. The BBC Midland Light Orchestra and Chorus conducted by Gilbert Carter; 7.45. Artist of the Week—Reginald Kell (Clarinet); 7.50. Weather Report; 8. Times Signal; 8.15. World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 8.15. "Caprice Espagnole" played by Andre Kostelanetz and his Orch. (Rimsky-Korsakov Op. 34); 8.30. Like what I like, presented by Teddy Bell (Studio); 9. Over to you with Richard Murdoch and Kenneth Horne (BBCS); 9.30. Dances Time; 10. Concerto, Concerto in D Flat Major (Boccherini); 10.15. Casals, (Cello) and The London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Landon Ronald; 10.30. Chanson Francaise; 10.45. Waiting with Waldo; 11. Radio News Reel (London Relay); 11.15. Goodnight Music; 11.30. Weather Report; 11.45. Save The Queen; 11.50. Close Down.

Guardsmen Decorated By The Queen



Her Majesty the Queen recently held a special investiture at Buckingham Palace when she presented awards to the naval and military personnel who took part in the funeral ceremonies of King George VI. Picture shows men of the Grenadier Guards arriving at the Palace for the investiture.

2 WOMEN KILLED IN QUEUE

London, Apr. 13.
Two women were killed when a fire-engine swerved out of control and ploughed through a 30-strong bus queue.

Three other women and two men were badly injured; half a dozen more people were less seriously hurt.

The engine, AWW 214, was on its way to a fire at Shipley, Yorks.

In Saltire-road a boy was on a zebra crossing. The driver swerved to avoid him and the boy crossed safely.

Then, said one of the queuers, 23-year-old Dennis Pearson, of Viceroy-road, Shipley:—

"The engine swung to its left. I think most of the queue saw it bearing down on them, but were petrified, unable to move."

After it struck the queue the engine crashed through a stone wall, carrying 22-year-old Florence Lee on the radiator, and was brought to a stop by a bank wall.

Miss Lee, who lived at Lynthorne-road, Frizinghall, died within a few minutes.

The second woman killed, 35-year-old Mrs Sarah Brown, of King-street, Windhill, was found an hour after the crash. She had been pinned between the engine and the bank wall.

Three firemen were taken to hospital with shock and abrasions. They were treated and sent home.

One was 30-year-old Fireman George McCleane, of Marley View, Bingley, Yorks, driver of the engine.

It is believed that one of the front tyres of the engine burst and caused the swerve.

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Living Language

Why we say Up to the mark.

When you enquire of a friend whether he is "up to the mark" you want to know whether he is well and able to undertake some task or other. "Mark" in this sense means "standard" and comes from the standard of purity fixed by the Assay Office for gold and silver articles. If not "up to the mark" they are rejected.

Mail Notices

Latest times of posting of unregistered correspondence at the General Post Office and Howland Post Office; the latest times for posting registered articles are generally one hour earlier than the times indicated below. Particulars relating to parcels may be obtained by enquiry at any Post Office.

MONDAY, APRIL 14
By Air
Japan, 5 p.m. B.O.A.C.
Formosa, 5 p.m. U.S.A., Canada, 5 p.m. N.W.A.L.
Philippines, N. Borneo, 5 p.m. C.P.A.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m. C.P.A.
TUESDAY, APRIL 15
By Air
Indo-China (Tonkin only), 5 a.m. via C.P.A.
Formosa, 9 a.m. C.A.T.
Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 10.30 a.m. Air France.
Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 12.30 p.m. B.O.A.C.
Malaya, Japan, 6 p.m. Thai Airways.
By Surface
Macao, 12.30 p.m.; 6 p.m. to Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m. train via Canton.
Korea, 9 a.m. to Seoul.
Japan, 2 p.m. to Tokyo.
Canada, 2 p.m. to Boston.
Siam, 2 p.m. to Bangkok.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16
By Air
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 9 a.m. via P.A.C.
Formosa, Japan, 9 a.m. C.A.T.
U.S.A., Canada, 2 p.m. P.A.C.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m. C.P.A.
Japan, Korea, 6 p.m. H.K. Airways.
Formosa, 5 p.m. H.K. Airways.
Malaya, Ceylon, W. Pakistan, Bahrain, Ceylon, Britain, Europe, 9 a.m. B.O.A.C.
By Surface
Macao, 12.30 p.m.; 6 p.m. to Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m. train via Canton.
Korea, 9 a.m. to Seoul.
Japan, 2 p.m. to Tokyo.
Canada, 2 p.m. to Boston.
Siam, 2 p.m. to Bangkok.
THURSDAY, APRIL 17
By Air
Siam, Burma, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 9 a.m. via B.O.A.C.

Lord Mayor In Row Over Kangaroos

London, Apr. 13.
The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Leslie Boyce, has been involved in a dispute over two kangaroos.

A Lincoln surgeon, Mr Geoffrey Morey, said: "The kangaroos are rightfully mine."

The Lord Mayor said: "They are living at my home, and there they will stay—for the present."

The kangaroos—Australians like Mr Morey and the Lord Mayor—were brought to Britain by Mr Ken Reed, of Waller, who accepted as gifts for Prince Charles and Princess Anne. The animals, called Mary and Aussie, lived in a flat in South Kensington while their future was discussed. Other tenants described them as "full of charm" and "better than human."

Buckingham Palace could not give a home to the kangaroos. So they were introduced to Sir Leslie Boyce, who offered to take them to his estate near Cheltenham.

Unfortunately, by this time they had found another admirer—Mr Morey, who happened to meet them at Australia House while they were waiting for an audience with the High Commissioner.

Mr Morey said: "Mr Reed said he would be delighted for me to have them. But later I had a telephone call from the office of the Agent General for South Australia, saying I couldn't have the kangaroos because the Lord Mayor wanted them. I was furious."

The Lord Mayor himself telephoned and agreed to let Mr Morey have the animals "after Mr Reed had left for Australia."

Then came a letter from the Mansion House saying there would be a little difficulty in carrying out this agreement.

At the Mansion House the Lord Mayor passed a hand over his worried brow and said: "The kangaroos are at present at my home, and very happy. I don't know what I shall do with them eventually. I may give them to a zoo. But I certainly shall not give them to Mr Morey—he has definitely had it."

RELEASE FOR CORPORAL

Corporal Henry Hall, 37, who lived in Italy as a deserter for five years and then gave himself up because he wanted to marry, was released from the R.A.M.C. Regimental Depot, Feltham—his Army days over. Waiting for him was his wife, Alice, from Naples, whom he married at Woolwich Register Office last week.

Hall was reduced from the rank of sergeant to corporal at Chelsea court-martial on March 10 for deserting in Italy in 1947, three days before his Army discharge was due.

Writing Of Korean Armistice Is A One-Man Job

Munsan, Apr. 13.
Dozens of voices have harangued more than nine months in trying to reach an armistice in Korea. But the truce agreement itself is being written largely by one man—Lieutenant-Colonel Howard S. Levie.

As Legal Officer of the Allied truce delegation, Col. Levie, a good natured 44-year-old New Yorker, has the responsibility of drafting the armistice.

That means he is charged with writing the actual words of the document that will be signed when and if an agreement is reached.

For this task Col. Levie can draw on no precedent. "Three never has been a situation such as this one before," Col. Levie says.

He has, however, been able to borrow piecemeal from other armistice agreements of modern times. For example, the 1949 agreement between Israel and Syria furnished the basis for paragraphs dealing with a demilitarized zone.

The wording of the ceasefire paragraphs stemmed from the 1935 Paraguay agreement and some phrases on prisoner exchange still being debated came from the settlement reached on prisoners at the end of World War I.

Other officers at the UN Command's apple orchard headquarters have worked with Col. Levie on the truce draft but the final responsibility is his.

Policy decisions of course are directed from Washington and Tokyo and the negotiations are carried out largely by the Admirals and Generals of the truce delegations.

However, once agreement with the Communists at Pannumun is reached on a principle it becomes Col. Levie's job to put it in writing.

So far the entire armistice document has been overhauled seven times. In its present form it runs 26 legal size typewritten pages containing 63 paragraphs, many with subparagraphs. Of these only five remain completely unresolved while only tentative agreement has been reached on another four, leaving a total of nine between the negotiators and the end of the war.

DRAFT MEMORISED
"We have to be very careful that there are no omissions in the armistice," that could be misconstrued later," Col. Levie says. "Not only must it be legally correct, but it must be correct in common sense grammar and everything else."

Colonel Levie, a 1930 graduate of Cornell University Law School who has 10 years' service in the army, has practically memorised the armistice draft.

100 Years Ago

A HORRIBLE CATASTROPHE

The American Ship "Robert Brown," Bryson Master, left Amoy on the 21st ultimo, with Coolest for San Francisco. Eight days out the Chinese schooner, murdered Captain Bryson, two officers, and four of the crew, and then took charge of the vessel, which they steered back towards the land. On making an Island at westward of Formosa, the bulk of them left, twenty-three only remaining on board, who being less than a match for the remainder of the crew, were taken in to Amoy with the ship on the 20th instant. This outrage having been perpetrated under the American flag, search for the murderers and their punishment if taken, are duties properly devolving on the Government of the United States. We trust that the matter may not be investigated in our courts.

Since writing the above we have learnt a little more regarding this horrible catastrophe, so near akin in details to those of the ill-fated ships "Albert" and "Victory." The Coolest on board the "Robert Brown" were engaged by Captain Bryson to serve for a period of five years, at four dollars a month, and advances were made to them after the rate of six dollars each.

Capt. Bryson after leaving Amoy appeared to have had a fair run for about eight days—had rounded the north end of Formosa, and was well away in the Pacific. It was in broad noon day when the massacre was effected—the Chief Mate, sick in his cabin, was killed in cold blood as he lay—the Man at the wheel, Captain, second Mate and three Seamen were literally beaten to pieces. The rest of the crew escaped into the foretop from whence they have some light booms they found there down on their pursuers, whereby some of them are said to have been killed.

COOK'S PROPOSAL

The Ship, at the time had top mast, studding sails set, and there being no one at the wheel she all at once bronched too. The Ship's cook, a Chinese, then suggested that the men should be guaranteed their lives if they would come down and aid in taking the ship back to land. On venturing upon this, they were each tied up and guarded with cutlasses below the mainmast, being allowed to remain on deck and work the ship. Four days afterwards they made an Island, supposed to be Ty-pin-an in Lat. 25. 42. N., Long. 125. 7. off which the anchor was let go in ninety fathoms water. They then landed, taking all the crew with them, and of whom, however, succeeded in getting back again, slipped the cable and stood out to sea; before doing so sending a boat for three of their comrades—two of whom got safely on board—one is left behind. The twenty-three Chinese spoken of were then tied up by the crew, and a course was shaped for the main land. The North end of Formosa was again safely rounded—thanks to the current prevailing at this time of the year, and on the afternoon of last Sunday week they succeeded in making Quemoi. Shortly afterwards the ship was boarded by some gentlemen, who happened to be out on a yachting excursion, and with their aid, brought safely to an anchor.

The U.S. Vice Consul, Mr Bradley, having taken possession of the crew (not the clearest kind of evidence being given, we hear, some saying that the Captain did and others that he did not cut the tails of some of the Chinese) then proceeded, with a Super-numerary Interpreter of the British Consulate, Mr Pedder, on board the "Semkram," intending, with the "Lily" in tow, to proceed to the Island where the men are supposed still to remain. Unfortunately, on Saturday last, when about abreast the North end of Formosa, the vessel, which had previously been light, freshened up from the North East, and in a very short time increased, with a heavy head sea, to a furious gale—the tow rope parted, the "Lily" made sail, and was lost sight of in the haze. Having shipped some heavy sea, lost a quarter boat, and sustained other damage, Capt. Stephens deemed it most prudent to bear up for this port, arriving here in the forenoon of yesterday.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



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